
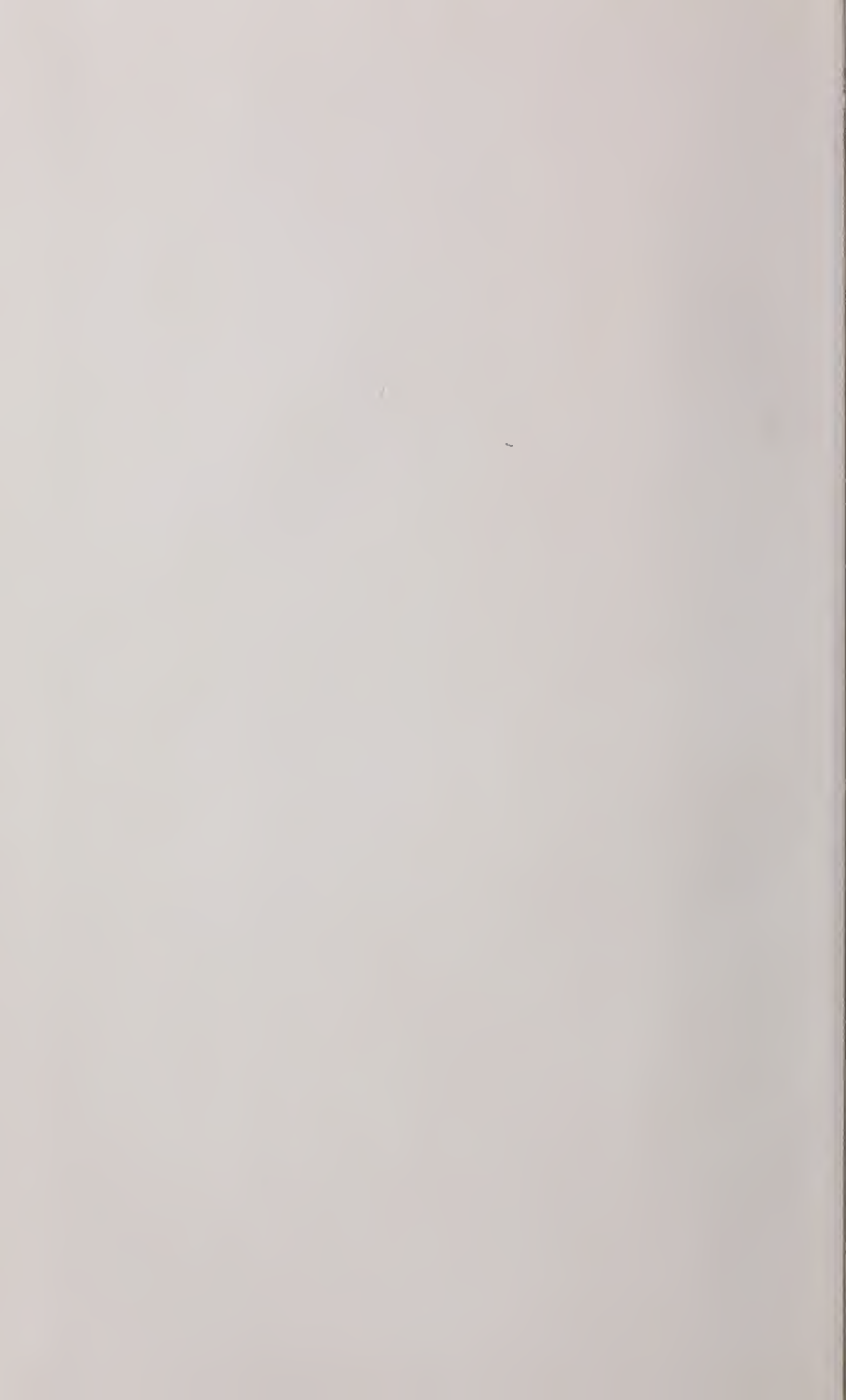


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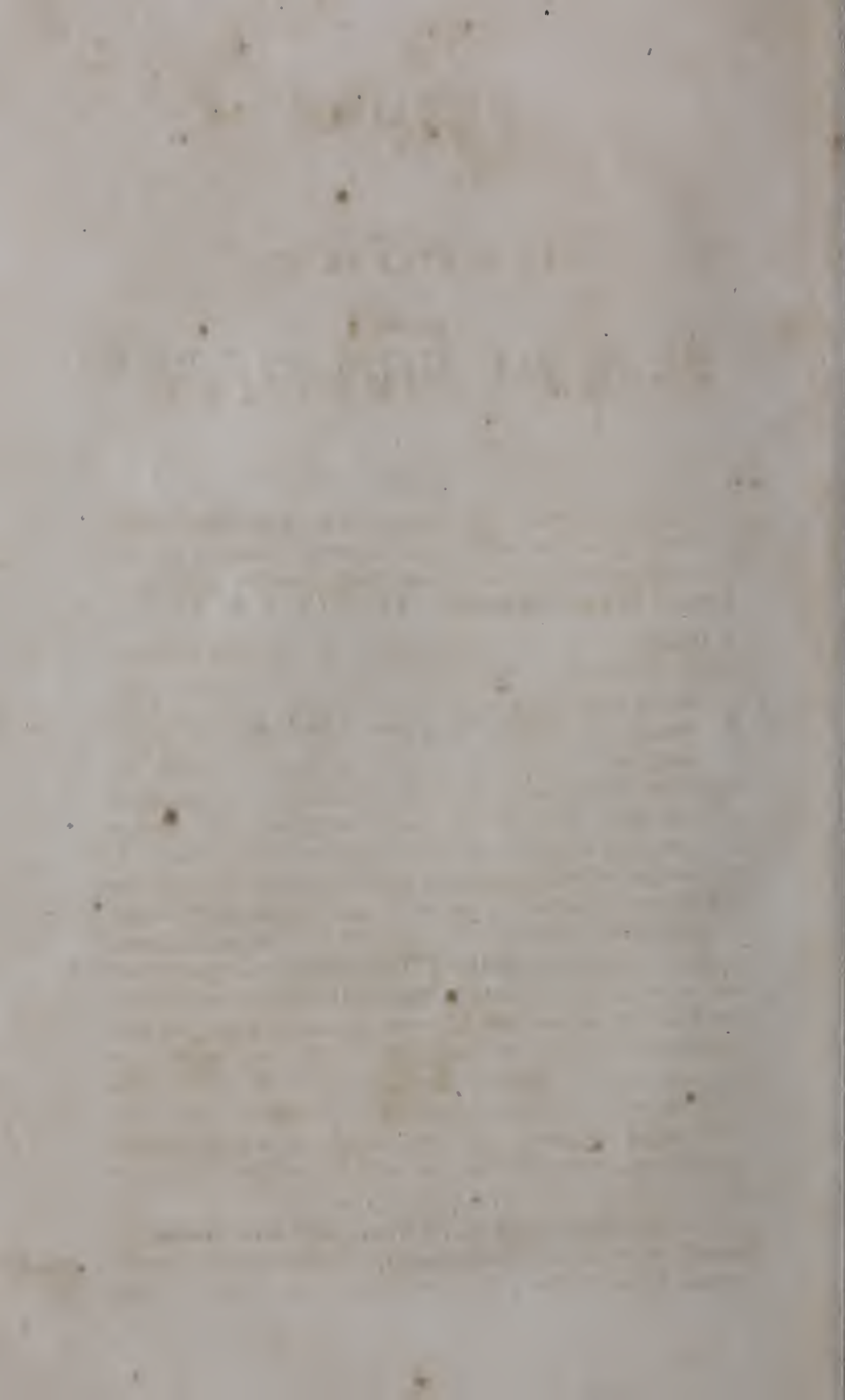
REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
TOWN OF BERKLEY,

For the year 1854-5.



TAUNTON,
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REPORT.

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS. In compliance with Established Custom, as well as with the Express Statutes of this Commonwealth, your Committee present you their Annual School Report.

DISTRICT No. 1. (Common.) Prudential Committee, A. B. Crane. This district has had, the past year, six and a half months of Public School. Miss Amelia H. Small of Provincetown, taught fifteen weeks in summer. Although better acquainted with the branches of education usually taught in our common schools than most teachers who undertake the charge of them, her efforts were not attended with those happy results, which we fondly anticipated at the opening of the school.—Some degree of conciliation on the part of the teacher towards the parents is indispensable to success with the children. These last are sharp sighted, and even on the watch to find out in what estimation the teacher is held by the parents, and others, and will deport themselves accordingly. But conciliation on the part of the teacher alone is not sufficient. This must be met on that of parents and others, in a corresponding degree. A hasty word—or a disparaging remark—an altered tone or look is seldom lost on a child.

To somewhat of alienated feeling between the teacher and parents, and consequently between the teacher and some of the pupils, we attribute much of the

disappointment to which we have alluded. Notwithstanding this partial failure, many of her pupils made commendable progress. Particularly in reading, arithmetic, geography, and the delineation of maps.

In winter the school was under the charge of Mr. William W. Earle, of Amherst College during eleven weeks. Mr. Earle entered on his work with characteristic energy, and seemed resolved to wake up indifference itself and if possible to keep it awake. He aimed at thoroughness and accuracy in teaching, rather than at superficial display. The attendance was such as might lead to the conclusion, that both parents and pupils were not insensible to the value of useful knowledge, did we not know that the latter too often frequent the school-room more for pastime than improvement. The discipline of the school was also commendable. The grammatical exercises of the first class exhibited a marked degree of improvement. As a result of untiring energy and devotion on the part of the teacher, the exercises at the close of the school were on the whole a very creditable performance,—especially the reading exercises were highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 2. (North West.) Prudential Committee, William Boyce. The duration of public school in this district the past year, was five months and fourteen days. Miss Sarah E. Evans of Freetown, taught three months in summer. The attendance in school was ordinary. The character of this school is such, as to require a teacher of uncommon firmness, and prudence, to introduce and establish that wholesome discipline and systematic arrangement without which no considerable degree of improvement is to be looked for. We felt highly gratified to notice, that Miss Evans appeared to be conscientiously engaged in the discharge of her duties, but with all her kindness, diligence, and devotion to duty, her success did not seem commensurate with her efforts. Your Committee however are of opinion, that the majority of teachers under similar circumstances could not have been more successful.

What is true of other districts in town is *emphatically* so of this. The instructor should be a strict disciplinarian, able to reduce the discordant elements to better order, and determined to leave on all truant minds the needful impression that they must learn their lessons.

The school in winter was taught by Mr. Alvin W. Peirce, of Taunton. From the first there was a marked want of study, too prevalent in this school. It was moreover characterized by uncommon laxity of discipline. These radical evils demanded prompt and efficient remedies, but we think Mr. Peirce, failed to *find* or *apply* them, as they continued to prevail with aggravated circumstances, till for several days previous to its close, the school exhibited a state of things bordering on anarchy. If we mistake not, the teacher who * expels a disorderly pupil, ought to pursue some decided and consistent course. If the pupil obstinately refuses to submit to discipline, and to the requirements of the teacher : his presence in the school ought not to be tolerated. Much less should he be permitted day after day to enter the school, as often as he feels disposed to do so. And least of all, without being restored to his standing in his class, ought such pupil to be suffered to take any part in the closing exercises of the school. To permit this, were a reprehensible inconsistency on the part of the teacher ; for the very sufficient reason, that he must treat such disturber, either as a pupil, or not. In cases of insubordination, prompt and efficient action is imperatively required. If the teacher has any apprehensions of personal violence, in attempting to vindicate his authority, his course is obvious. He should not fail to give immediate notice, to the Superintending Committee ; and in conjunction with them to follow out the course in such case prescribed by the laws of this Commonwealth. It is not satisfactory to say in defence of the course adopted in the instance alluded to :

* Refusing to teach a pupil we deem tantamount to expulsion.

that it occurred almost at the close of the school. The consequences resulting from it will not be limited to the present time, but will exert a pernicious influence on the school for time to come, and may eventually extend themselves to others. The importance of this subject must be our apology (if we need any) for dwelling somewhat at length on this head.

Having thus pointed out some defects in the conduct of the school as our duty required, the most pleasing task remains to find somewhat to commend. In the department of writing, a good degree of improvement was apparent. The manuscripts exhibited much neatness and progress. Some who studied Physiology appeared to have made good improvement in that branch. Several of the pupils manifested a tolerable proficiency in Algebra.

DISTRICT No. 3. (Bridge.) Edward Babbitt, Prudential Committee. There were but 7 weeks of public school in summer. Miss Emily M. Hunt, of Norton, took upon herself the task of teaching this school.—It would seem that she gave satisfaction to the district, since she was retained after the expiration of the public school. She entered on the execution of her task under very favorable circumstances. In some respects she is decidedly well qualified to be a successful teacher. But more experience, more exact knowledge, severer studies, and greater mental discipline will enable her to give more accuracy to her teaching, and prepare her for more successfully improving and rightly directing the youthful mind.

The winter term was of three months duration.—Mr. Emerson W. Peet, of Amherst College, was instructor during this term. An unsightly and almost ruinous edifice, with meagre accommodations, must render it exceedingly difficult to preserve that quiet order so indispensably requisite, yet so often wanting in our public schools. There is but one remedy for this evil, and that is too obvious to name. This building however, such as it is, will not suffer in compari-

son with others in town used for a similar purpose.— After all, there was tolerable order, and considerable improvement in the school generally. Good deportment and application to study, on the part of some of the pupils was quite perceptible. The teacher's success was fully equal to our expectations.

DISTRICT No. 4. (Timothy Hollow.) David Hoxie, Prudential Committee. This district had but one term of public school the past year, held in winter. Its duration was three months and three days. Miss Esther D. Dillingham, of this town was the instructress. Her assiduity, skill and success in teaching, deserve much commendation. The attendance was good. Miss D's school-room notwithstanding the decayed and ruinous state of the building, appeared neat, quiet and orderly.

DISTRICT No. 5. (Assonet Neck.) Walter D. Nichols, Prudential Committee. Teachers, Miss Alice H. Strange, of Freetown, and Mr. Philip C. Porter, of Berkley. Miss Strange taught the school during the summer—a period of three and a half months. "The attendance during the first six weeks of the school was good; then, * sickness and death invaded the school, which materially affected it." Still however, the pupils under her instruction made very satisfactory progress. As a teacher she satisfied the expectations of the committee, and, we think, of the district.

The duration of the winter term was 3 months and 13 days. For a time, Mr. Porter found more pupils than school-room for their accommodation. This rendered it difficult, if not impossible to secure as good a degree of order as is desirable. Afterwards from the prevalence of an epidemic disease† among them, many of the pupils were unable to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the school for improvement. Nevertheless the results at the closing examination in respect to progress and order, deserve to be favorably reported.

* Measles. † The Hooping Cough.

DISTRICT No. 6. (South East.) George P. Strange, Prudential Committee. No public school in summer.

Mr. Edgar C. Dean, of Easton, though young and inexperienced, acquitted himself of his task much to the satisfaction of the committee, and we believe of the district. This was Mr. D's first appearance in the character of a Public Instructor. His school was distinguished for quiet order, and general improvement in reading, recitations and history. Length of school 3 months and 5 days.

DISTRICT No. 7. (North East.) Prudential Committee, John Clark. This school was taught in summer, by Miss Sophia A. Townsend, of this town. It was opened under the most unpropitious circumstances, these were, first, the unfavorable state of the weather, and soon after an epidemic disease * which prevailed almost the entire locality. Owing to these, and some other causes, the school for several weeks exhibited but a feeble and dubious existence. But worse than all, this is the culpable indifference of parents as to the education of their children. Hence the irregularity of attendance, and non-attendance for which this district is *pre-eminently* distinguished. Consequently the benefit of the school is in a great measure unhappily lost. Miss Townsend was diligent and faithful, and not without experience as a teacher; and probably has succeeded as well as any other in similar circumstances.

The school in winter, for a few weeks was under the charge of Benjamin Crane Jr., who taught with his usual good success, and fully sustained his previous reputation as a faithful, zealous and efficient instructor. The amount of public school in this district the past year was 8 1-2 months, of which 7 months belong to the summer term, and 6 weeks to the winter.

With this detailed account of our public schools, allow us to call your attention to some of the causes, why they have hitherto failed of accomplishing what was

* Hooping Cough.

expected of them. We say some of the causes, for our limits will not permit us only to glance at some of the most striking.

1st. One is what is called the district system.—We have 7 schools, with pupils only sufficient for five. If proximity to the door of the school-room be a good and sufficient reason for having 7 school houses, on the same principle it would be still better to have 14. But for our views on this subject we refer you to a very able report presented by your superintending committee of last year.

2d. Another cause, is the want of suitable edifices. Strictly speaking, there are but two deserving the name of school houses, the others are called so by way of courtesy. But such as they are, they are part of the district system—and not the worst part—and any outlay on them beyond occasional repair, were worse than money thrown away.

3d. Another cause is want of unity of action between the prudential and the superintending committees. As the labor, so is the responsibility divided between them, and it is impossible to determine precisely what belongs to one, and what to the other.

4th. Want of emulation in the schools, owing to the small number of pupils. We want not only good school houses and good teachers; but a sufficient number of pupils to excite some degree of emulation among them. It is harder to do this in a school of a dozen pupils, than in one of 3 or 4 times that number.

5th. The want of teachers better qualified. The double committee system (if we may be allowed the expression,) facilitates the introduction of incompetent teachers into our public schools.

6th. Want of uniformity of text books used in schools. We require some one work on each branch of education pursued in our schools; so manifestly superior to all others of the kind, that competent Judges would have no hesitation in giving it an un-

qualified preference. Suitable encouragement on the part of the state would lead to the preparation of such works. The best in each department thus produced, pronounced so by a committee acting for the Commonwealth, should then be introduced as a standard text book, into all the public schools of the Commonwealth, by an act of the legislature, to be used exclusive of all others, till such act were repealed in favor of some new work, decidedly better, declared by disinterested and enlightened judges, acting under the authority of the Commonwealth. Nothing short of some such measure as here suggested, will effectually cure this inveterate, growing evil, which has done so much to retard the progress of popular education; and which with other causes, threatens to arrest it altogether.—Our limits will not suffer us to expatiate on the feasibility, and great public utility of the scheme. We leave the suggestion with you as a part of the sovereign people, to whom it belongs to devise some remedy for this intolerable grievance.

7th. And finally there is great want of earnest and efficient co-operation on the part of parents. Parents must convince their children that they set the highest value on useful knowledge, or their children will despise or neglect it. This they must do by example as well as by precept, for precept without example is little worth.

Children who make no improvement at home, seldom or never make any progress at school. If they rarely or never take up a book, from the time they leave school till they return to it again, their attendance in school is only another name for amusement. Such children have full employment for the morning in relating the occurrences of the evening before, and in the afternoon in considering how to pass the next in the same unprofitable manner. To those who indulge their children in these worse than idle courses, it is not material whether there be a school or not—whether it be long or short—or what be the qual-

ifications of the teacher. Parents who suffer such things, have no right to expect improvement in their children. Such expectations were wholly unreasonable. If they sow the wind they must reap the whirlwind. The foundation of all improvement must be laid in the domestic circle. If parents did their duty to their children at home, our public schools would not be in the condition they are at present. In conclusion we would say to fathers and mothers, do your duty to your offspring, and not expect that of the teacher, or any one else, which can be accomplished by none but yourselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. NICHOLS,	} School Committee of Berkley.
DANIEL CRANE,	
ALDEN B. CHACE,	

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF BERKLEY,

Exhibiting the Financial condition of the Town,

As nearly as by them could be ascertained, and also, for the expenses of the town for the year ending on the fourth day of April, 1855.

William S. Crane, Collector and Treasurer, in account with the Town of Berkley for the year ending April 4th, 1855, Dr.

To Balance of uncollected taxes on hand last year,	\$683 36
" Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	14 11
" Fish and Oyster Notes,	415 00
" State, County and Town grant,	1932 99
" Overlaying on all the Taxes,	25
" Addition of four Poll Taxes,	5 68
" Highway Deficiencies,	19 00
" State Treasurer for Schools,	49 20
" Cash received for Licenses,	15 00
" " " Taxes,	35 88
" Fish Notes payable June first,	299 00
" Five Oyster Notes of One hundred and thirty one dollars each, payable yearly, first payment June 1st, 1856,	655 00
	\$4124 55

The Treasurer has Credited himself with Cash paid out, Cr.

By Selectmen's orders for abatement of Taxes,	\$ 27 78
" " " " Assessors wages,	33 75
" " " " Painting of Town Hall,	46 75
" " " " Support of Schools in 1853-4,	78 86
" " " " " " " 1854-5,	671 08
" " " " " " " Poor off the Farm,	114 50
" " " " School Committee's bill for 1853-4,	28 00
" " " " Town Clerk's bill for services, cash paid out, and for recording births and deaths,	24 00
" " " " Support of Poor on Town Farm, &c., in 1852-3.	174 11

By Selectmen's orders for Balance of Agent's wages in 1853,	158 31
" " " " Sales of spirituous liquors in 54-5,	27 11
" " " to Fish Committee for services in 53-4,	51 50
" " " " Darius Phillips, for Road,	155 00
" " " " E. Williams, for wood for farm, 1855,	30 50
" " " " Various persons for sundry bills, &c.	108 06
" Note paid E. Hervey, and Interest,	436 96
" Payment of County Tax for 1854, as per receipt,	232 99
" " " State " " " " " "	150 00
" Sinkage of Taxes to the amount of	115 48
" Two Fish Notes due June next,	299 00
" One Oyster Note " " "	123 00
" Five Oyster Notes of \$131 each, due yearly, commencing June, 1856,	655 00
" Collector's Commissions at 3 1-2 per cent,	65 30
" Treasurer " " 1 " "	25 49
" Uncollected taxes in the hands of William S. Crane, for 1849, 1850, 1851 and 1854,	240 85
" Uncollected Taxes in the hands of Israel Chace, for 1853,	46 15
" Cash in the hands of William S. Crane,	5 02
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	\$4124 55



Financial condition of the Town of Berkley, as nearly as can be ascertained, April 4th, 1855.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$ 5 02
Notes for Fish and Oysters,	422 00
Balance due from Collector's after deducting Commissions which probably may be collected the present year,	150 00
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	\$577 02

Contra—Town of Berkley Dr.

To Theodore A. Burt, Note and Interest,	\$403 61
" Adalaide R. Pierce, " " "	403 61
" Balance of N. G. Townsend's Salary,	119 47
" " " School Money,	78 92
" " " Town orders outstanding for support of Poor off the Town Farm,	88 00
" Town orders outstanding for sundry small bills,	17 00
" School Committee's bill for services 1 year,	25 00
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	\$1135 61
Available credit as above,	577 02
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Total indebtedness,	\$558 59

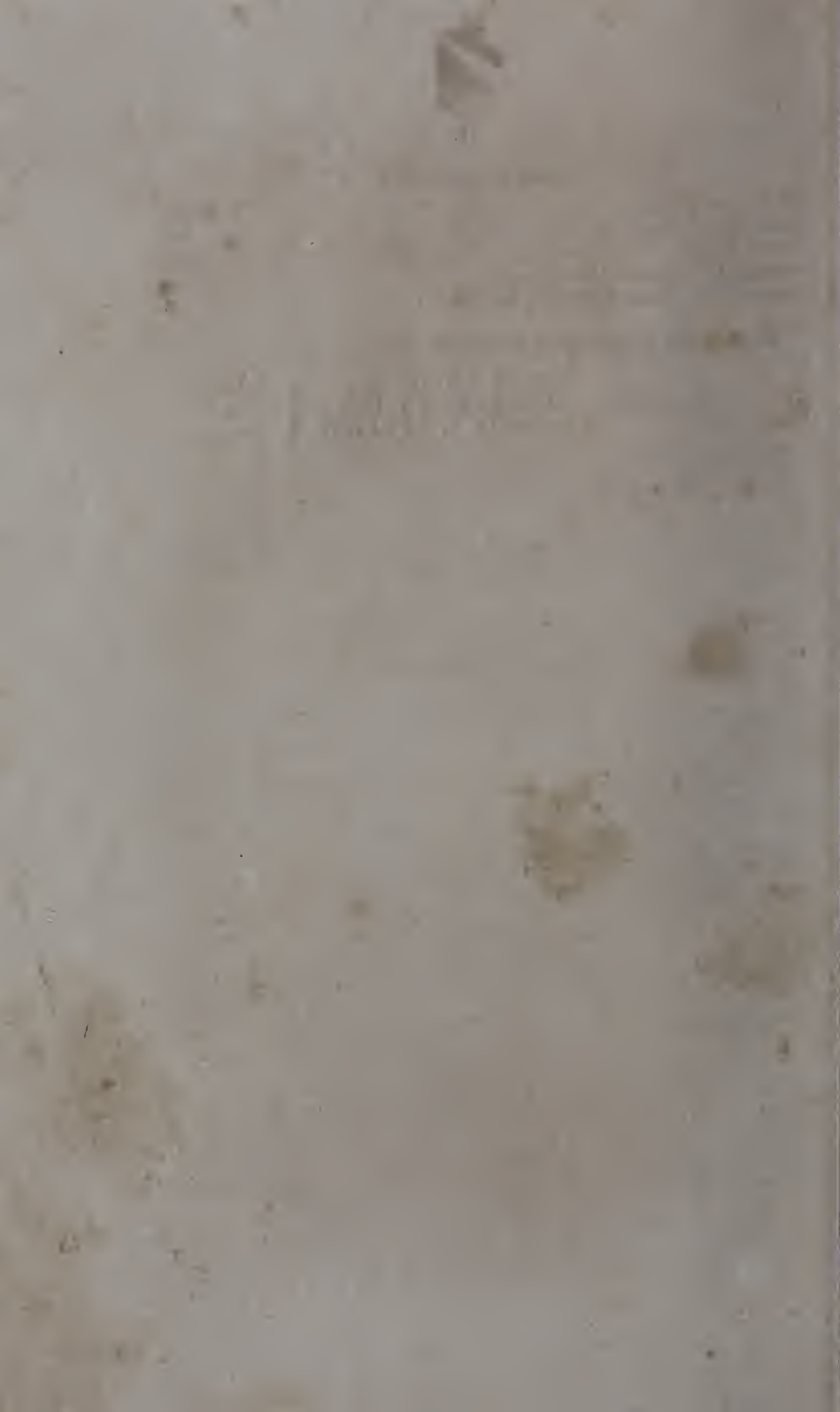
TOWN PROPERTY.

Farm and Buildings,	\$3500
Inventory of Stock, &c.,	840
Town House,	900
Standard weights and measures,	125
Books in the Town Clerk's possession,	25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ENOCH BOYCE, Jr.,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
TAMERLANE BURT,	
GEORGE A. STRANGE,	

of
Berkley.



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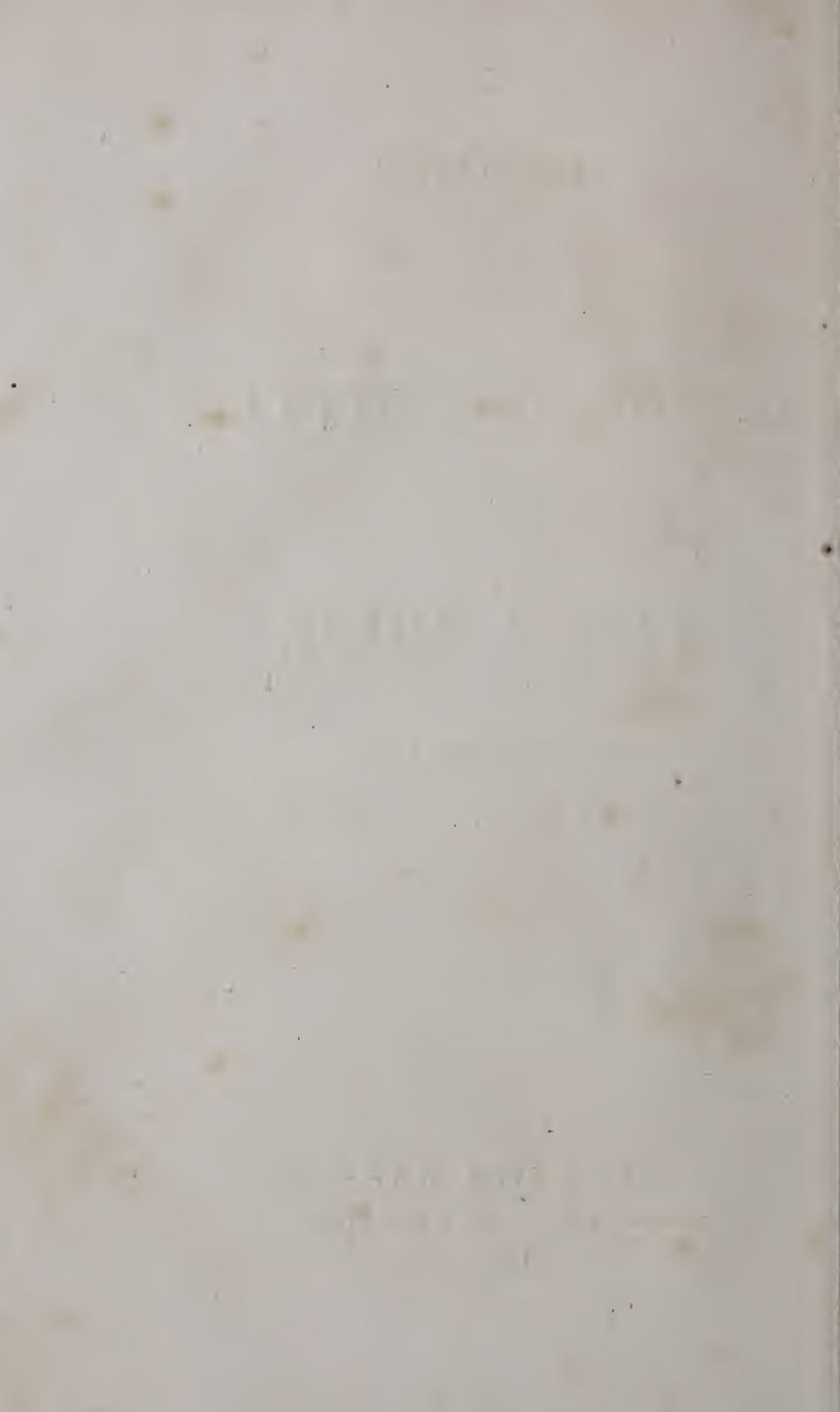
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In compliance with the regulations of the Statute, the School Committee of the Town of Berkley submit the following annual

R E P O R T.

DISTRICT No. 1. Prudential Committee, Darius Sanford. No Public School in Summer. Length of School in Winter, three months. Whole number of Scholars 32, average attendance 29.—Instructor, Henry F. Tucker, of Taunton. The scholars in this District have some advantages not enjoyed by those of other Districts, and we are happy to believe that they appreciate them. Mr. Tucker governed well and instructed with ability, and the progress made in their several studies, must, we think, have been satisfactory to those, whose children were under his care. He possessed in a remarkable degree the confidence and esteem of his pupils, and from the commencement to the close of the School, there appeared to be a reciprocal interest manifested by both teacher and pupils, which produced the most beneficial results. The closing examination of the School was highly interesting and satisfactory to your Committee, and it is thought, to all present. There was a very considerable progress made by the whole School in their various studies, and we think the pupils deserving of commendation for the propriety of their deportment and the interest manifested in their studies. In correct and intelligent reading, the first class is not equalled by those in any other of our Schools.

DISTRICT No. 2. Prudential Committee, Joseph D. Burt.—Length of School in Summer two months and eighteen days; in Autumn and Winter six months. Whole number of scholars 63.—Average attendance 48. The Summer term of this School was taught by Miss Esther D. Dillingham, and the final examination, was in almost every particular satisfactory to your Committee. The progress of the pupils in their studies was decidedly good, and highly creditable both to themselves and teacher. During five weeks of the Win-

ter term, the School was under the charge of Miss Dillingham, at which time, some of the parents having become dissatisfied, she was superseded by Mr. Walter D. Nichols, of whose qualifications and success as a teacher, we shall hereafter allude in the remarks upon the School in District No. 5.

The closing examination of this School was of a satisfactory character, with the exception of the exercises in reading; in this particular this School has hitherto been objective. During the past year, however, there has been great improvement in this respect.

DISTRICT No. 3, Prudential Committee, William S. Crane.—Length of School in Summer, two months and seven days; and in Winter term, three months and nine days. Whole number of scholars in each term, 33. Average attendance in Summer 26, in Winter 28. The Summer term of this School was taught by Miss Sarah M. Witherell, of this town, and the Winter by Alden B. Chace, a member of your Committee. Under the government and instruction of these efficient teachers in this School, for the want of a proper School room, and also a proper co-operation on the part of parents, your Committee are constrained to say that they failed to discover at the closing examinations, that degree of interest and improvement which they anticipated, although the pupils manifested considerable zeal and interest in their studies, and some of them made considerable progress therein.

DISTRICT No. 4. Prudential Committee, David Hoxie. Whole number of scholars 19. Average attendance 13. No public School during the Summer. Length of Winter School, $3\frac{3}{10}$ months.—Teacher, Miss Fanny Burt, of Taunton. Under the instruction of Miss Burt, the School, notwithstanding the oldness, coldness and inconvenience of the School room, and the severity of the weather, comported well with the expectations of the Committee. Miss Burt was competent to her task, and discharged her duties satisfactorily to the Committee, and we believe to the District.

DISTRICT No. 5. Whole number of scholars in Summer 27; in Winter 36. Length of School in Summer, $3\frac{1}{4}$ months, in Winter $3\frac{1}{2}$ months. Average attendance, 20 in Summer, and 29 in Winter.—Prudential Committee, Ebenezer Dean. The Summer term of this School was under the instruction of Miss Charlotte E. Dean, of this

town. Miss Dean, as a teacher, is admirably qualified, Her mild and friendly bearing towards her pupils, united with firmness and decision, produced the most beneficial results, as regards the order and discipline of the School. Her pupils manifested an interest, and made a proficiency in their studies, highly satisfactory to your Committee.

The Winter term of the School was commenced by Walter D. Nichols, who subsequently relinquished the charge thereof to Miss E. D. Dillingham, and succeeded her in charge of School in District No. 2. The experience Mr. Nichols has had, and the success with which his labors have been crowned, are too well known to need our comment. Miss Dillingham conducted the School wisely and judiciously, and by her devotedness to her duty, constrained her pupils to act wisely for themselves, that they might be better able to discharge all the duties of after life.

DISTRICT NO. 6. Prudential Committee, Henry W. Clark.—During the Summer there was no public School in this District. The Winter term was taught by David C. Dean, of Taunton. The School room in this District is small, much too small for the health and convenience of the present number of scholars attending School. Among the smaller scholars several were deficient in School books.—Parents should see that their children are supplied with suitable books. Mr. Dean was quite young, and also without previous experience in teaching, but we think him entitled to our esteem, as having discharged his duties conscientiously, (as far as his ability would permit,) and profitably to the District. Length of School $3\frac{1}{2}$ months. Whole number of scholars 25. Average attendance 22.

DISTRICT NO. 7. Prudential Committee, Alfred Case. Length of School, including the Summer and Winter terms was $6\frac{3}{4}$ months. Whole number of scholars 29. Average attendance 19. Both of these terms were taught by Sophia A. Townsend, of this town. This School has been kept decidedly quiet and orderly. The progress of the School, however, has not been so great as could have been desired. As this School has been more or less for the last 5 or 6 years, been under the government and mental training of the same teacher, a change will not be improper, and may produce results which will be an advantage to the cause of education in this District.

The Statute, besides requiring a detailed report of the condition of the several Public Schools, also provides that the School Committee shall make such suggestions with regard to the methods of instruction, and the evils that exist in relation thereto, as will in their opinion best promote the prosperity of the Schools. We feel it our duty therefore to comply with this provision, and to submit a few suggestions upon some of the subjects there contemplated.

One evil that exists to a considerable extent, is that children are taught facts and not principles. If the lesson be committed to memory so that the present recitation be fluent and correct, some teachers seem to think that all that is necessary has been done, and the object of the School attained, when in fact the scholar has received but little practical benefit. If the mind be crowded with facts to the exclusion of the principles upon which they depend, and which gives them their only value, if the scholars proficiency is measured by what he has done and not by what he understands, the very objects of the Common School are defeated—the pupil receiving neither intellectual discipline or that practical knowledge of the common branches of education necessary for the performance of the ordinary business of life. Besides, such a course of instruction is productive of a positive evil; it has a tendency to create in the scholar a dislike, not to say a disgust for the School and his studies; he receives no pleasure from what he does not understand, and the almost mechanical acquisition of rules and words, soon becomes monotonous and distasteful. This evil demands a speedy correction, for to the extent to which it obtains, just to that extent, so far at least as the habit of study and intellectual culture are concerned, the usefulness of the School is destroyed. Its remedy rests with the teacher. It is only by a correct appreciation on their part, of the true nature of education, and an earnest desire, and unremitting efforts to faithfully discharge the duties reposed in them, that we can look for improvement of our Schools in this respect.

Next to the sacred influences of home, and of parental precept and example, the School is the place where the character, both intellectual and moral of the young is to be formed. The maxim that the teacher stands in the place of the parent is no legal fiction, but a truth, the importance of which cannot be too highly appreciated.—He stands in the place of a parent, not only for the purposes of that government and discipline that is necessary for the regularity of the School, but for the higher purpose of training their minds to hab-

its of thought, and impressing upon them those virtues that are the ornament of human society. These are duties of no ordinary character, and in which not only the parent and child, but the whole community are deeply interested. It must at once be obvious to every one, that in the selection of a teacher, too much care cannot be exercised. He is to be selected not so much with reference to the price he sets upon his services, as to his literary and moral qualifications, his faculty for imparting his own stores of learning to his pupils, his power to awaken in their young minds a love of learning, a laudable desire to excel in their studies, a lively sense of their accountability to a Supreme Being, and a disposition to walk in the path of rectitude. The services of such a teacher are valuable, and therefore, always command a corresponding compensation. The duration of the School it is true may be shortened, but it does not follow that it is, for that reason, less valuable, as its usefulness is not to be measured by its length, but by the amount of real practical knowledge, mental discipline and moral culture that the young there receive.—Whether the School shall be an attractive or a repulsive place, depends almost entirely upon the teacher's aptness to impart instruction, and to win the affection of his pupils.

We do not think there is any reason to apprehend that during the past year, the teachers have not been faithful, and most of them efficient, and could their services be always secured, perhaps the foregoing remarks might be to some extent gratuitous, but as every season introduces some new teachers, the importance of care in their selection cannot be too frequently or strongly expressed. In this connection there is one matter to which we call the attention of those, who may act as Prudential Committees. It has been usual for such Committees to defer the selection of a teacher, until a very short time before the commencement of the School; the candidate often presenting for examination, only on the Friday or Saturday next preceding the Monday on which the School is to commence. This is a serious neglect. As the Winter Schools do not usually begin till about the first week in December, all the available teachers are by that time engaged, so that unless the person selected by the Prudential Committee be employed, the commencement of the School may be postponed for several weeks, to the great inconvenience of the District, and even the chance of having no School at all, be incurred. The general Committee, may therefore, in some cases feel constrained to

approve a candidate as a teacher, when had there been more time, they would have advised the selection of some other person. This difficulty can easily be avoided by selecting a teacher some weeks at least before the time when the School is to commence, so that in case the Committee are not satisfied with his attainments and qualifications in every respect, they can withhold their approbation without serious inconvenience to any one.

But the prosperity of our Schools does not depend entirely upon the teachers. On the contrary he can do but comparatively little good, unless he is cordially sustained by his patrons. It is not doubted but that every parent feels the deepest interest in the education of his child. But it is feared that this interest is not always manifested in such a manner as to produce the most beneficial result. The influence which he can exert upon the child, not only as relates merely to his conduct while at School, but whether he shall derive the fullest advantages from his attendance, may be of the most salutary character. It was the remark of Cousin, that "as the teacher is, so is the School," however true this may be, it would be a greater truth to say that "as the parent is, so will be both teacher and School."—Children are close observers, every act, every expression of their superiors, is instantly seized upon and copied. Hence the parents, opinion of the teacher, of his method of instruction, his mode of government, in short of the discharge of all his duties, as well as the general usefulness of the School, and the studies there taught, will be the belief of the child. His mind is but the mirror in which are reflected the opinions of others, and not reflected only, but like the image upon the polished plate of the artist they remain fixed there, only in a less shadowy and unsubstantial manner. While therefore, no occasion should be permitted to pass without reminding the child of the educational advantages he enjoys, and the necessity of their improvement to his future usefulness, happiness and welfare; there should at the same time be instilled into his mind a love for his teacher, regard to his wishes, and a cheerful obedience to his commands. The child should be the last one before whom any defect, real or supposed in the qualifications of his instructor, or in the discharge of his duties should be named. While it cannot tend to any good result, it inevitably leads to one of a contrary nature. The moment he entertains the idea that his teacher does not stand in favor with his parents, that moment the teacher's influence is gone, and his usefulness

at an end. If, for instance, it is known to the parents as a fact, that there is not that degree of discipline maintained in the School that is desired, instead of increasing the difficulty by expressions derogatory to the teacher, their whole influence should be exerted to produce a more favorable state of affairs, by impressing the mind of the child with the necessity for proper and orderly behavior, and any opinion as to the teacher's defects, in this or other particulars, should with all kindness, be expressed to him and not to the pupil. It is believed that most of the serious difficulties in the Public Schools may be traced to the unguarded expression of parental opinion in the presence of the scholars. Happily, however, these difficulties have for a number of years been few, and confined to a single District.

One method by which parental influence can be readily and powerfully exerted is by visits to the School room. This cannot but be productive of good results. Its effects will be felt by both teacher and pupils, impressing upon the one a lively sense of the importance of the trust reposed in him, upon the other the interest felt in their welfare, thus stimulating both to greater exertion, the one to impart and the other to acquire knowledge. The time that it will require cannot materially interfere with the occupations of business, and if it did, it is no valid objection. If an hour or two spent in the different Schools, by some one of the parents at a time, and at short intervals, will even in the smallest degree contribute to the prosperity of Schools, then that time could not be more profitably employed. Neither the artisan, the farmer or the merchant, fail to keep a strict watch over those whom they employ in their several occupations; every thing that is done by them is made the subject of strict scrutiny to the end, that it may be faithfully done. But the teacher once employed, is rarely visited by those who have, and who should feel that they have the deepest interest in his success. With few exceptions the inmates of the School room are rarely encouraged by the presence of the inhabitants of the District, and then "like angels visits," they are "short and far between."

Again, the punctuality of the scholar in his attendance, depends in some instances almost entirely, and to a great degree in all, upon the parent. The want of punctuality is an evil of the most serious character in whatever light it is viewed, and it is one that has prevailed during the past winter to a considerable extent, though perhaps not more than in previous years. The loss of time at School, is a for-

feiture without redemption. In the vicissitudes of life, fortunes may be lost, but the hardy hand of industry can create them anew; but the absence of a child from School, or his tardy attendance, involves an item of loss, that neither labor or skill can repair. What Spring is to Autumn, youth is to manhood, and if the seed time be neglected, it will be in vain to look for a harvest, except of thorns. Besides the disastrous effect that it has upon his studies, it has a tendency to establish a habit of negligence in the pupil, and want of punctuality in other respects, and there is no habit of a decidedly vicious character, that is more to be deprecated. Of all the business qualifications of a man, none stand higher than punctuality to inspire those with whom he may deal, with confidence in the performance of his engagements. Its necessity cannot therefore, be too early or strongly impressed upon the mind, but every tardy attendance of the child upon the School, permitted by the parent, is only a lesson tending to foster one of an opposite character, which, when once established, is rarely shaken off, but will cling to him through life like the poisoned shirt of Nessus, and in some respects will be about as uncomfortable.

We cannot close this report without asking attention to the School houses. The prosperity of the School depends in no small degree upon the comfort and convenience of these. If the place where children are assembled for the purpose of instruction, be in such a condition that it is a physical hardship to be confined in it, an aversion to the School will be the result. Children do not reason so finely, as to draw a distinction between the School room and the School—between the instruments of education, and the ends to be attained from them, but treat the whole matter collectively, and wonderful indeed must be their thirst after knowledge, if for its sake, they can patiently submit to the physical suffering, either directly or indirectly inflicted upon them, by confinement in a crowded, ill ventilated room. Although some of the rooms, particularly those in Districts No. 3 and 4 are sufficiently well ventilated, by reason of divers holes and crannies through the wall, the ill adjusted doors and windows that afford ingress, not only to the wind, but to the snow and rain; yet unfortunately this is avoiding one evil, to fall upon another of equal magnitude. One almost immediately produces a paralyzing effect upon the mental faculties, both sooner or later produce some of the "ills that flesh is heir to," with as much certainty as in any case, effect follows cause. In the School Houses in the Districts above referred to, the

gelid air pours in upon the scholars through various small openings, and some of them not *very* small, while their feet are immersed in a substratum of air, at or below a freezing point, that flows in under the ill jointed doors. To make the extreme parts of these rooms anything like comfortably warm, a large fire has to be kept in the stove, to the great inconvenience of those whose seats are in the immediate vicinity. In fact, these houses afford no inapt illustration of the different zones, particularly the torid and frigid, while the seats might have been serviceable in the days of the Inquisition, as instruments of torture. In District No. 4, not only the rain penetrates the room in various places, in quantities that would satisfy the most ardent admirer of the "*water cure*," but the roof is so defective that the snow came through it and accumulated between that and the ceiling, penetrated through the plastering as it melted, and dripped into the room. The interior of this house is in a deplorable condition, alike disgraceful to the scholars that perpetrated, and the teachers that permitted the mischief. It is however the work of years, the genius of no single generation of boys would have been adequate to the task. Its walls, like those of the chambers of imagery that the prophet saw in a vision, are "portrayed round about with every form of creeping thing and abominable beast," while the desks are tattooed with carvings and inscriptions that would disgrace the "*secret cabinet*" of the *Musee Barbonico*, at Naples. Such a state of things, ought at once so far as possible to be remedied. Though it may not be practicable or even necessary to build new houses, yet those that are defective, should be repaired and improved to such an extent, as will make them not only comfortable and convenient, but *decent*.

Finally, education is the developement and cultivation of the intellectual faculties and moral sentiments. This is the high office to which it is ordained, and the acquisition of knowledge is only valuable as it promotes to this end. If when the mind is most susceptible to impressions, either good or ill, the habit of attention, a love of knowledge, the principles of piety, justice and sacred regard to truth, with all the kindred virtues, be not impressed upon it, it will be as vain to look for their developement in mature life, as to seek for the harvest in autumn, when the seed time has been neglected. It is in early life by impressing upon the mind,

"The generous inclination, the just rule,
Kind wishes, good actions, and pure thoughts."

That the whole character of the future man for usefulness to himself and others, is to be determined. The generation now in its youth, is soon to succeed to all the privileges and duties of citizens, and whether these shall be discharged for the common good with intelligence and integrity, depends entirely upon the education, moral and intellectual that the young now receive. By this the great events of the future are to be shaped, their history will be read with emotions of joy or sorrow, as this shall have been fostered or neglected. To form a community that shall march forward in the path of industry and honor, we must begin at the fountain of youth—we must act upon the principle that led the artist whose works still challenge the admiration of the world, to begin his art back to the very grinding and mixing of his colors, so that no unskillfulness in this should dim the splendor of his creations. Of all the means that contribute to this end, the Common School is the greatest, because it is universal, because upon it is the sole dependence of more than nine tenths of the children, because it gives them the earliest direction, and an impulse whose force is never spent. Hence every thing relating to the Public Schools—to their prosperity, to the qualification and selection of teachers, to the condition of the places where instruction is given, the evils that exist in the methods of instruction, and the means by which they can be avoided, all merit the most careful consideration, not of parents only, but of every party to the social compact, and this must be our apology for the length of the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

D. S. BRIGGS,	} Committee.
ALDEN B. CHACE,	
M. M. ANDROS,	

Berkley, April 7th, 1856.

The foregoing report having been presented and read in open town meeting by the Committee, *voted* to accept the report by the town.

Attest, EPHRAIM FRENCH, Town Clerk.

April 7th, 1856.

Timothy French

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY.

1860-61.

TAUNTON:

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1861.



School Committee's Report.

The Superintending Committee respectfully submit the following, as their report of the condition and success of your Public Schools, during the past school year :—

The school in the Center district, (No. 1) was taught by Miss Martha E. Mason. Length of school, in summer, 2 1-2 months ; in winter, 2 months. Whole number attending school, 18 in summer, 23 in winter. Average attendance in summer, 14 1-2 ; in winter, 18. As teacher, she performed her duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. The order and appearance of the school were admirable. The scholars were quiet and studious, and the examination at the close showed progress. Both teacher and pupils merited high commendation.

Burt's Corner school (district No. 2) was taught, in summer, by Miss Emily A. Leach. Length of school, 2 1-2 months.— Whole no. of scholars, attending, 40. Average attendance, 34. This school has some restless and troublesome scholars, requiring to be managed by a firm hand. The progress of the school was materially hindered by the prevailing disposition for idleness and disorder which occupied much of the time and attention of the teacher in endeavoring to correct. The school cannot be regarded as a very successful one.

It was taught in winter by Mr. Philander Bryant. Length of school, 2 3-4 months. Whole number in attendance, 46 ; averaging 38. The winter term brought some new elements of trouble into the school. At the outset, there was an understanding on

the part of the scholars, that, whatever might be done, no corporal punishment would be inflicted. This unwise announcement rendered it much more difficult to manage the school. However, for a few weeks, nothing very serious occurred, and some work was done. Particular classes appeared to be getting along quite well. At length, the spirit of disorder assumed the reins of government. The teacher, without much reluctance, yielded to the usurpation, and thus ended the usefulness of the school. There may be materials which are absolutely ungovernable in this school, but this we can hardly believe. We are more inclined to the belief that a capacity to govern has been wanting. Whoever takes charge of this school with this in possession, and having also an aptness to teach, will meet with fair success, unless there should be improper interference on the part of parents. This district has expended fifty dollars, mostly in repairing the interior of their school house, during the past year.

The school in the Bridge district (No. 3) was under the charge of Miss Charlotte E. Dean. There was no public school in summer. Length of school, 4 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars attending, 25; averaging, 21. This school was closed during a storm, much to our regret. But, from previous visitations, and our knowledge of the school, and of the ability of the teacher, we consider the school as satisfactorily successful. The absence of a class of advanced scholars was noticeable. An increase of its numbers might be beneficial to this school.

Timothy Hollow school (No. 4) was kept by Miss Emily A. Leach. (No school in summer.) Length of school, 4 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 13. This school is decidedly too small to realize the benefits which might otherwise, under other circumstances, be reasonably hoped for.—The emulation evinced in larger classes in other schools, is wanting. Should the scholars of this school be blended with the surrounding schools, it would, we think, be greatly to their advantage. The general success of the school we consider as not being equal to the expectations of parents or Committee.

The Assonet Neck school (No. 5) was in charge of Miss Ellen F. Rounds, (Mrs. E. Belcher.) Length of school, 3 months.—Whole number attending, 30. Averaging, 25. The school was quiet and orderly at the visitations. It is believed some degree of advancement was attained.

The winter school was confided to Mr. Alden B. Chace. Length of school, 3 months. There were 33 scholars attending school, with an average of 28. This school has long sustained a high reputation, and we are happy to say that under the management of Mr. Chace, its former standing has been fully maintained. The girls belonging to this school acquitted themselves particularly well. We consider it the best school in town. This district contributed the board of the teachers, thus lengthening out the school which otherwise would have been short.

The school in S. East district (No. 6) was kept, in summer, by Miss Cordelia B. Eaton. Length of school, 2 months. 22 scholars attending. Average attendance, 15. In winter, by Mr. Abiathar Dean. Length of school, 4 months. Whole number of scholars, 23. Averaging, 22. Both of these teachers exhibited a very commendable degree of diligence and fidelity, in their efforts to govern and instruct their pupils, and their success was as great as could reasonably have been anticipated. In writing, improvement was very manifest. Evidence of interest in their studies, and earnest application, were not apparent on the part of pupils. The school requires an efficient teacher and good disciplinarian.

The school in the N. East District was kept by Miss Jane C. Burt. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number, 35. Average attendance, 26. At all the visitations, excellent order prevailed, and the recitations indicated careful and accurate preparation by the scholars. Miss Burt, (Mrs. Wrenches) has retired from the school service, leaving behind a fair reputation as a teacher, especially as a disciplinarian.

Walter D. Nichols, a member of the Committee, took charge of this school during the winter term. Length of school, 3 1-4 months. Whole number in attendance, 44. Averaging, 34.—

His faithful and skilful efforts were appreciated by scholars and parents. Everything within and without the school-house was pleasant and harmonious ; order and industry prevailed from the beginning to the end of the term. As a necessary result, good proficiency was made in the various studies pursued. We congratulate the district on the improved condition of the school ; and as an important means of still further improvement, we would respectfully suggest the erection of an attractive house suitable to the wants of the school.

The aggregate attendance in all the schools, in summer, was 145. Average attendance, 114 1-2. In winter, 210 have attended the various schools. The average of attendance appears to be 172. The whole number of scholars, as returned to us by the assessors, on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, is 199. We consider the attendance, upon the whole, good.

Your Committee do not deem any argument necessary to convince the inhabitants of this town, of the importance of our public schools in the training of the morals and intellect of our children and youth. It is admitted, and in some good degree, we trust, appreciated, by you, as appears from your recent appropriations for their support. The history of the schools of this town also attests their great value, by the number of teachers, male and female, who have been educated mainly therein, and have been employed, more or less successfully, at home and abroad, in our own and many sister states. To which also must be added the large percentage of scholars who have been more liberally educated, for the professions, and for usefulness generally, who received their first impulse in the right direction, unmistakably, from the influence exerted by the public schools. We would, however, respectfully suggest, that our schools would be rendered more efficient, by a more familiar acquaintance therewith, by parents.—The schools and school houses are too much shunned. Every teacher, we think, has observed the greatly increased interest produced by frequent and unceremonious visits by parents and others interested in schools. It is not enough to build school houses, and employ teachers. This must be done ; but the personal

interest and the visitation should not be omitted. Perhaps no other subject is of such pressing importance as that of school districts. A very proper law has been recently enacted, requiring, (under severe penalties for omission,) at least six months school, to be kept in a sufficient number of schools, during each school year. The sufficient number is to be determined by the town.—Are seven schools more than a sufficient number? Are five schools a sufficient number? Will not the change from seven to five,—everything considered,—the size of schools, and consequently of classes, giving the stimulant of competition and emulation,—the size and convenience of school-houses and enlarged facilities,—overbalance the few cases of consequent inconvenience, and materially aid in rendering several of the schools more interesting, and all longer and more efficient? These are questions for the town to answer. And they should be answered in an enlightened regard to public advantage, regardless of mere selfishness.

The reduction of the school districts commends itself to us, as an economical measure. The geographical position of districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7 is such, that but little alteration of their limits can conveniently be made. But why cannot Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 be organized into two districts, containing, according to actual attendance, 48 and 55 scholars respectively. The school-houses in Nos. 1 and 2, can be appraised to their respective districts, as they now belong, then removed and repaired, to meet the exigency of the new districts, and paid for by a tax in the usual form upon said new districts. If this or some kindred measure meet with general favor, it is of easy accomplishment; otherwise it may be attended with some difficulty. We think it worth a fair trial, and, if tried, predict for it a complete success.

In any event, the school house in district No. 4 must be abandoned. Do the wants and interests of the community require a new building upon the old locality?

Fellow citizens: It will be seen from our report, which is intended to be just and impartial, that the different schools have been variously successful. But we believe there is much more

to approve than to censure, and that your appropriations have in most cases been well expended ; while we confidently hope the exceptions may not again occur.

WALTER D. NICHOLS, School Com. of Berkley.

April 6, 1861. DANIEL C. BURT,
BENJAMIN CRANE.

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Town of Berkley,

For the year ending April 1861.

	Expenditures.	Receipts.
State, County and Town Tax Bills, for 1860,		2,257.77
School District No. 1, " "		10.54
" " " 2, " "		50.04
Collected on Tax Bills of 1855-6-7 and 8,		93.27
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		2,411.62
Collector's Commissions, in Taxes of 1860, 3 1-2 per cent. on \$2,318.35,	81.11	
On \$93.27, collected on bills of 1855-6-7 and 8,	9.33	
Six per cent abatement on 809.20, paid before Aug. 1st, 1860, as per vote of town,	48.55	
Publishing notice of the same in the Republican,	1.00	
Printing Collector's Receipts,	1.50	
Expenses transmitting State Tax,	.25	
Amount of Taxes remitted by the Assessors,	23.50	
Amount of uncollected Taxes, in bills of 1860,	4.07	169.31
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		2,242.31
Cash in the Treasury as per settlement, April 1860,		109.21
Received of the Selectmen the balance due from the former Collector,		452.98
Received for fish notes,		621.00
" from the State School Fund,		42.64
" from Town Clerk for license of Dogs,		36.40
" from the School Committee,		1.20
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Amount of receipts for the year,		\$3,505.74

	Expenditures.	Receipts
Amount of Receipts brought forward,		3,505.75
The following bills paid by order of the Selectmen :		
Daniel C. Burt,	10.00	
Thomas Strange,	9.38	
Philo Washburn,	4.00	
Mary Snow,	2.50	
Bassett & Reed,	12.00	
Philip French,	6.00	
Daniel S. Briggs,	13.59	
James Webster,	5.00	
Benjamin Luther,	23.00	
Giles L. Leach,	80.00	
Tamerlane Burt,	1.50	
George Westgate,	6.00	
Thomas C. Dean,	7.00	
Levi French,	46.37	
Albert French,	8.50	
Estate of S. Newhall,	35.70	
C. A. Hack,	10.00	
Nathaniel Townsend,	20.25	
Enoch Boyce,	20.25	
Walter D. Nichols,	8.00	
Nathaniel Townsend,	2.12	
City of New Bedford,	58.22	
Benjamin H. Thrasher,	45.50	
Walter D. Nichols,	37.00	
Town of Taunton,	22.00	
Nathaniel Townsend,	17.95	
Giles G. Chace,	1.25	
Charles Bissett,	6.50	
Nathan Bowen,	9.37	
Thomas J. Burt,	8.44	
John Dean,	4.50	
Benjamin H. Thrasher,	40.00	
Ephraim French,	18.32	
Joseph D. Hathaway,	13.00	
Darius Sanford,	7.00	
Ichabod Dickerman,	13.07	
Joseph D. Hathaway,	4.50	
Gilmore & Kinnicut,	6.25	
A. B. Crane,	62.15	
William Babbitt,	64.90	
John C. Crane,	9.73	
Jonathan Crane,	10.00	
Benjamin Luther,	15.00	
William H. S. Crane,	3.41	
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	809.22	

	Expenditures.	Receipts.
Amounts brought forward,	809.22	3,505.74
Daniel Burt,	1.00	
John T. Dean,	164.21	
Benjamin Crane,	10.00	
“ “	15.00	
Enoch Boyce,	20.70	
Express for getting School Fund money,	.25	
Daniel C. Burt,	10.00	
Walter D. Nichols,	8.50	
State Tax,	145.00	
County Tax,	465.96	

The following bills for damage done to sheep,

John Richmond,	15.46	
W. D. Nichols,	3.09	
Israel Chace,	6.19	
Joseph Staples,	4.33	
Charles Bissett,	34.65	
John T. Townsend,	4.33	
N. G. Townsend,	4.02	
Thomas J. Burt,	4.33	
	<hr/>	76.40

Money expended for Schools,

District No. 1,	92.07	
“ “ 2,	156.84	
“ “ 3,	106.22	
“ “ 4,	84.99	
“ “ 5,	122.73	
“ “ 6,	99.14	
“ “ 7,	177.01	
	<hr/>	839.00

Money for School House purposes,

District No. 1,	2.63	
“ “ 2,	43.29	
	<hr/>	45.92

Paid James Webster's note and interest,	31.51	
“ Rebecca Webster's note and interest,	163.87	
“ John D. Wilson's “ “	242.55	
“ Franklin Briggs, “ “	302.30	
	<hr/>	740.23

Treasurer's commissions,	33.51	
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Balance in the Treasurer's hands,		120.84
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A VIEW OF THE EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DE- PARTMENTS, &c.

Selectmen's bills for services during the year ending March 1861.

William Babbitt,	33.63	
Benjamin Luther,	15.00	
John C. Crane,	9.73	
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Town Clerk's bill for the year ending 1861,	18.32
Town Treasurer's commissions,	33.51

Assessors' bills for service 1860,

Nathaniel Townsend,	38.20	
Enoch Boyce,	36.95	
Levi French,	36.20	
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Constable's bill for executing Dog Law,	5.00
Committee to settle with the Treasurer,	1.50

School Committee's bills for services for the year ending April 1861.

Benjamin Crane,	10.00	
Daniel C. Burt,	10.00	
Walter D. Nichols,	8.50	
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Expenses for poor on town farm,	308.21
Expenses of all others belonging to the town,	200.18
Furnished poor of other towns,	17.87
Expended on Roads, Bridges, &c., by Selectmen,	118.91
" for Public Schools,	839.00
" School Books,	15.00
" School House purposes,	45.92
State Tax for 1860,	145.00
County Tax for 1860,	465.96
Damage done to sheep by dogs,	81.40
Mary Snow for housing the Hearse,	2.50
Bassett & Reed attending suit at law,	12.00
Philip French, care of Town House,	4.00
For furnishing coal, &c.,	2.00
C. A. Hack for printing School Report,	10.00
William Babbitt for attending suit at law,	10.00
William Babbitt for sundry bills against the town at different dates,	21.72
Assessors bill of books of S. O. Dunbar,	9.92
Sending valuation to Boston,	.25
Express bill for getting State School Fund Money,	.25

2,566.63

Amount brought forward,	2,566.63
Thomas Strange, balance of bill for services as one of the Selectmen in 1859,	4.63
Nathaniel Townsend, balance of bill as one of the Assessors in 1859,	2.12
Enoch Boyce, balance of bill as one of the Assess- ors in 1859,	4.00
Estate of Samuel Newhall, balance of bill for do.	1.50
" " " for sale of oysters,	5.00
Roads and Bridges in 1859,	29.20
Daniel C. Burt, School Committee for 1859-60,	10.00
Daniel S. Briggs, " " "	13.59
W. D. Nichols, " " "	8.00

The following notes taken up,

James Webster,	31.51	
Rebecca Webster,	163.87	
John D. Wilson,	242.55	
Franklin Briggs,	302.30	
	<hr/>	740.23
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		818.27
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		\$3,384.90

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Town House,	1000.00	
“ Farm,	3,500.00	
Valuation of Stock,	458.00	
Provisions, Hay &c. on Farm,	142.61	
Cash, Liquors &c. in the Agent's hands,	84.01	
Iron Safe for the use of Town,	74.00	
Book Cases for do.	13.50	
The Charity Phillips Place,	100.00	
School Books in the hands of Committee,	23.71	
Fish and Oyster notes,	1421.00	
Uncollected Taxes 1859 and '60,	5.57	
Balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands,	120.84	
	<hr/>	6,943.24

The Town owes the following notes,

Maria Burt, note, dated May 1st, 1856,	430.00	
R. A. Pierce, note, same date,	430.00	
School money unexpended in District No. 2,	3.65	
Money due the District for school house purposes,	5.03	
“ “ District No. 1,	16.39	
Interest on the two notes above, to May 1st, 1861,	290.86	
	<hr/>	1175.93
Estimated balance in favor of the town,		<hr/> \$5767.31

A. B. CRANE, Treas. of the town of Berkley.





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SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of another school year has brought with it the duty of presenting, by us, to the town of Berkley, the conditions and success of its public educational institutions. Conformably thereto we submit the following report:

The whole number of scholars attending all of the schools in the summer terms, appears, by the registers, to be 127, or 5 more than during the same terms last year, with an average attendance of $90\frac{1}{4}$ against 89 $\frac{1}{3}$ for last year. But in the winter term there appears to have been only 135, while last year there were 152, or 17 more than during the present year. We fear that too many scholars, for various reasons, leave school too young, at an age indeed when school privileges should be prized by them the more highly as the opportunities are so soon, at best, to vanish away.

The whole number of persons between 5 and 15 years of age, found by the Assessors in town upon the first day of May last, was one hundred and forty.

We feel justified in expressing a high degree of satisfaction in the management and success generally of the schools under our special care during the past year. We think in no case has there been any retrograde movement; and in one school, at least, there was a very marked improvement exhibited in its condition, almost every one being quiet, orderly and industrious, the indispensable components of a useful school; seemingly not attained by physical pressure, but by that generally surer and better method of personal magnetism and self-control exhibited by the teacher or teachers which, in most cases, subdues turbulence, interests indifference, attracts gentleness, amiability and docility, and finally crowns such efforts with a control of the wills and affections of the pupils to such an extent, most, will be not only compelled to do what their teacher desires, but love to do it also. We are aware that every teacher cannot so easily exert this mental influence in so high a degree. But let even such as are not so highly endowed with this quality make a persistent effort and persevere in the effort, and we believe that they themselves will be surprised to find how far a strong effort in this direction will carry them, how much unhappiness and anxiety will be avoided and how much good accomplished.

We respectfully suggest that another year should not be allowed to pass away without another earnest endeavor, on the part of all those in town, who

earnestly desire the improvement of our schools; so as to confer upon the present and future generations of children and youth in our town the most important and durable benefit which is in its power as a town to bestow. We allude to the inauguration of such measures as will secure the location and erection of a suitable and commodious school house to supply the place of the uncomfortable building now used by school No. 4, for school purposes. In former reports of the committee the urgent need of such a building has been fully stated. We now propose merely to allude to it, and in passing will simply add that the time is propitious, as the war and other debts of the town are nearly extinguished, and trust that our friends, whose children are particularly to be benefited by such action as is here suggested and recommended, will not allow their interest to flag or their ardor to cool, until their efforts are crowned with success. Let no such unimportant matter as the exact location of a new school house be a stumbling-block or rock of offence to any one. It is very desirable indeed that all having a legitimate voice in the matter should be exactly suited, but when *universal* satisfaction is not attainable, and it rarely is, the next best thing to be secured is *general* accord, the exponent of majority rule.

If we rely upon and expect (with the home aid and encouragement which every family should extend to its members who are also members of

schools) that the teachers of our schools will instruct and qualify our children to read well, that is, with understanding and natural feeling; to spell correctly and to compose grammatical English, written in a neat and legible hand; to understand and apply the principles of arithmetic to the prompt solution of all practical problems occurring frequently in the varied, every day business of life; together with those ennobling virtues, without which society could neither exist nor be desirable, nor mankind rise scarcely above the brutes in the scale of being; are we, as individuals composing a community, taking that personal interest in the welfare of our schools commensurate with their vital importance? We have so often endeavored, in our imperfect manner, to elaborate the idea of the transcendent importance of our public schools, and the necessity of a personal care, inspection and interest, that we will now dismiss this subject by subjoining a pertinent extract from the inaugural address of His Excellency, the Governor, upon this subject, and recommend it to your careful consideration. "I am fully persuaded that our educational affairs are too much left to the management of the few. There is not that universal interest in the schools and the school system which ought to obtain. If we are to have model schools in a given town it will be because the people of that town determine to make them such. They will neither come of themselves nor through the sole endeavors of two or three individuals. Good teachers and good methods

of instruction are requisite to the end in view, but these agencies can accomplish nothing more than partial results if the practical interest of the people themselves is wanting."

WALTER D. NICHOLS,	}	School Com.
HERBERT A. DEAN,		of
CALVIN T. CRANE.		Berkley.

TABLE OF SCHOOL STATISTICS.

School.	Names of Teachers.	Length of School.		Summer Attendance Whole. Av.	Winter Attendance Whole. Av.		Under 5 y's Over 15 y's of age.				Wages per Month.		Amount Paid each School.			
		S.	W.		S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.						
No. 1.	Leila Cobb.*	4	3	22	16¾	20	17 ½	0	0	2	4	31½	40	\$259.03		
" 2.	Daniel S. Briggs.	4	2	19-20	28	21	21 ½	1	0	2	6	28	32	\$239.00		
" 3.	Mary L. Burt.	3	4-5	3	21	12½	27	20	33-59	0	1	0	4	\$226.11		
" 4.	Eudora M. Allen.	4	3	20	15	23	19 4-5	1	0	2	3	28	32	\$234.94		
" 5.	Grace E. Smith.	4	3	16	10	17	15	1	0	1	4	28	32	\$218.50		
" 6.	Nellie R. Strange.	4	3	20	15	22	17	1	0	0	3	28	32	\$224.50		
	Julia R. Burt.	4	3	20	15	22	17	1	0	0	3	28	32	\$224.50		
		123	4-5	117	19-20	127	1	90½	135	111	106-295	4	1	7	24	\$1,402.08

* Emma Wish, taught four weeks, summer term, 1871.

Town Appropriation, \$1,200.00
Income of State Fund, 129.60
" " Dog Tax, 56.32
Bal. Unexpended, 1871. 40.71

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1871,	\$285 47	
State, County and Town Taxes,	3,159 59	
Two Fish Notes,	176 00	
One Oyster Note,	400 00	
State Treasurer and State Paupers,	42 57	
“ “ “ State Aid,	156 00	
“ “ “ Nat. Bank Tax,	265 15	
“ “ “ School Fund,	129 60	
“ “ “ Corporation Tax,	12 67	
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	56 32	
Interest on Taxes,	8 22	
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		\$4,691 59

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax,	\$925 00	
County Tax,	424 95	
Paid on Town Debt,	471 79	
Selectmen,	99 26	
Assessors,	103 98	
School Committee,	72 00	
State Aid,	124 50	
Aid out of Almshouse,	121 90	
Incidentals,	492 49	
Roads and Bridges,	173 18	
Public Schools,	1,402 08	
Repairs on School Houses,	69 86	
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		\$4,480 99
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,		210 60
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		\$4,691 59

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State Tax,	\$925 00	
County Tax,	424 95	
Paid on Town Debt,	471 79	
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SELECTMEN.

Benj. F. Chase,	\$23 00	
Philip H. Fletcher,	36 26	
William Babbitt,	40 00	
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Expended for Selectmen,		\$99 26

ASSESSORS.

John T. Townsend,	\$27 00	
Benj. F. Chase,	49 98	
Thomas C. Dean,	27 00	
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Expended for Assessors,		\$103 98

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Walter D. Nichols,	\$35 00	
Herbert A. Dean,	15 00	
Calvin T. Crane,	5 00	
Daniel S. Briggs, (1870,)	17 00	
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Expended for School Committee,		\$72 00

STATE AID.

Bildad Williams,	\$16 50	
Lewis Green,	36 00	
T. P. Burt,	72 00	
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Expended for State Aid,		\$124 50

FOR AID OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

B. L. Burt & Co., Supplies to M. Newhall,	\$35 90	
J. B. Green, Care of J. Claybrook,	28 50	
A. Seekell, " " "	25 00	
Dr. S. Hathaway Med. Attend. on J. Claybrook,	13 00	
Hubbard & Ransom, " " P. Coleman,	13 50	
City of Taunton Supplies to Stephen D. Briggs,	6 00	
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Expended for Aid.		\$121 90

INCIDENTALS.

Sumner Knapp, wood,	\$3 00	
T. P. Burt, town clerk, (2 years,)	37 30	
W. D. Nichols,	4 00	
Elijah Wilbur, digging grave,	2 00	
N. G. Townsend,	14 85	
P. T. & H. S. Washburn, on account P. Coleman,	11 50	
Republican Office, printing,	27 50	
C. A. Hack & Son, "	2 00	
Bennett & Fuller, legal advice,	3 00	
Town of Middleboro', care of fish at East Taunton,	20 00	
Geo. Marsden,	18 34	
Stephen B. Allen,	7 80	
Daniel S. Briggs,	2 00	
William Babbitt,	5 88	
Thomas Burt,	10 00	
S. P. Dillingham, Tax refunded,	2 41	
Discount on Taxes paid before October 1st,	236 06	
Abatements on Taxes,	3 06	
Sinkages on Taxes,	4 21	
Collector's bill,	36 00	
Treasurer's commission.	41 58	
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		\$492 49

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

James D. Dillingham, gravel,	\$2 04
John Boyce, "	56
John H. Macomber, "	32

Philip H. Fletcher,	repairing roads,	28 09
John T. Townsend,	" "	26 00
N. G. Townsend,	" "	21 00
Israel Chace,	" "	33 76
Benj. F. Chase,	" "	13 25
Israel Chace,	" "	17 81
F. K. Williams,	" "	21 70
A. Cummings,	" "	3 40
Davis Allen,	" "	5 25

Expended on Roads and Bridges,

\$173 18

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,200 00
State School Fund,	129 60
County Dog Fund,	56 32

Total for Schools,	\$1,385 92
Expended for Schools,	1,402 08

Expended for Repairs on School Houses,	\$69 86
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Expended for School No. 1.

Leila E. Cobb,	\$28 00
E. H. Wish,	22 40
Daniel S. Briggs,	190 00
Repairs on School House,	60 86
Incidentals,	18 63
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	\$319 89

Expended for School No. 2.

Mary L. Burt,	\$96 00
Ella J. Bailey,	112 00
Incidentals,	31 00
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	\$239 00

Expended for School No. 3.

Mary L. Burt,	\$112 00	
Eudora M. Allen,	96 00	
Incidentals,	18 11	
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Expended for School No. 4.

Grace E. Smith,	\$208 00	
Repairs,	3 00	
Incidentals,	26 94	
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Expended for School No. 5.

Nellie R. Strange,	\$208 00	
Repairs,	6 00	
Incidentals,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$224 50

Expended for School No. 6.

Julia R. Burt,	\$208 00	
Incidentals,	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$224 50

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

Town House,	\$1,000 00	
" Farm,	3,500 00	
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Valuation of Stock, Provisions, Hay, Farming		
Utensils, &c., on Town Farm,	\$1,117 23	
Iron Safe for use of Town,	75 00	
Book Case " " "	18 00	
Four Oyster Notes due June 1st, 1872, '73,		
74, and '75,	1,600 00	
Two Fish Notes due June 1st, 1872,	350 00	
State Aid due from State,	155 50	
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,	210 60	
	<hr/>	3,526 33
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		\$8,026 33

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Rebecca Webster, note dated April 1st, 1867,	\$214 26	
Enoch Boyce, " " " " "	142 77	
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Balance in favor of the Town,		\$7,669 30

T. PRESTON BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.









REPORTS

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—AND—

Treasurer,

—OF THE—

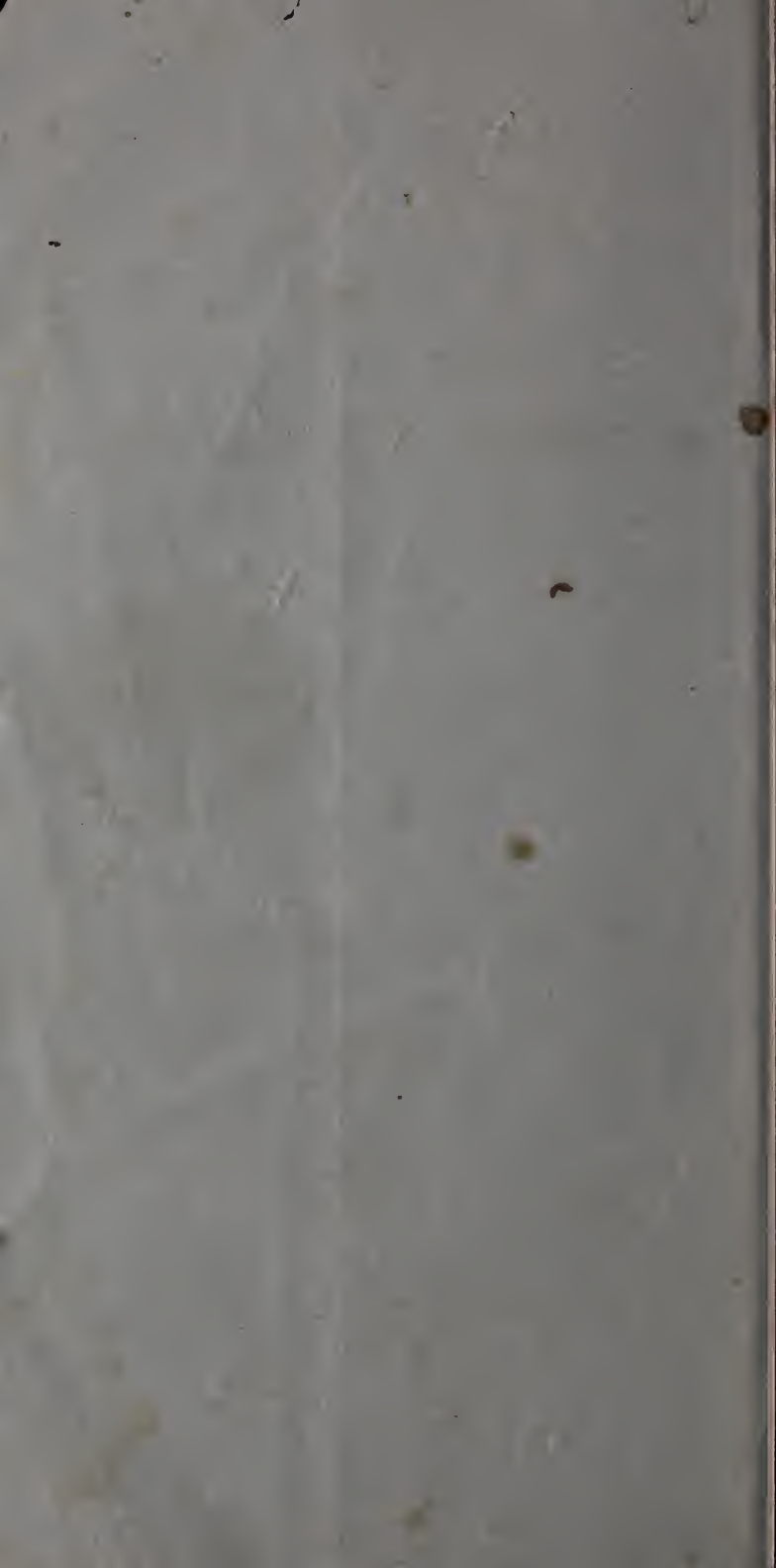
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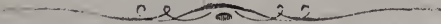
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SCHOOL REPORT.

Agreeable to a statute of our Commonwealth, relative to public schools, and determining the duties of the School Committee, it becomes our task to present to the town at this time, a report of the condition of its schools, the past year, and the degree of prosperity obtained in the same.

We therefore submit the following:—

As is well known to all the residents of our town, our advantages are not so great as they might be, were we not scattered over so large a territory, thereby rendering it exceedingly difficult for our small children especially to regularly attend school. This serious interference cannot be obviated. To multiply school houses, or districts, would not altogether remedy it, while, it would materially decimate the number of pupils in most every school in town. We cannot therefore at this present time suggest any better way than that already in vogue. But would earnestly exhort all parents to use their utmost endeavors to secure to their children all the advantages the town offers. We are convinced that were there a large interest manifested by the par-

ents on *this one point*, our schools would not be so poorly attended, and our average materially improved.

We shall not be called boastful, we trust, if we affirm that in our opinion, our schools are not inferior to those of neighboring towns, and in proportions to our means are full as long. If we want longer schools we can have them by simply increasing the amount of school money.

There has been no material change in our population so that our teachers have not been harrassed with overflowing schools, but rather, have had ample time to devote to the interests of their scholars. This has been done in every case, and the excellent results have been more marked in those schools where it was possible to classify to any extent. We discover with honest pride positive marks of progress throughout the town.

We do not propose to use these pages for purposes of laudation as regards our teachers, and yet we cannot refrain from acknowledging that each and all have done well. Our children are much like the children of other towns, some of them turbulent and peevish, others kindly disposed and docile. To our mind it is not strange, that occasional ruptures occur in school. Marked manifestations of willfulness and stubbornness on the part of the scholars, excite similar elements in too many of our teachers, and a clash occurs. Happy is that teacher who has such complete control of himself that he can check the insubordinate, govern

the unruly, without losing his dignity and influence by outbursts of bad temper.

All public instructors desire the co-operation of the parent or guardian of the children. Whenever a teacher does not wish this he is but an hireling, and will not succeed in his school. As parents, we can be of great service to the teachers, if we are so disposed, and can also give tone and character to the schools our children attend. The more we labor in harmony with our teachers, the more successful will our schools become. We have been cheered, as occasionally we have heard of parents who have been into the schools. This practice followed up by all the parents would reveal only such an interest as we all should take in the instruction of our children. We owe this much to teacher and pupil. We have a right and ought to know how the school appears, and we ought to become acquainted with the teacher and his methods of instruction. It is not enough that the town send its paid committee to see the school. You and I, the parents and guardians of the children, should at least, as often as once a month, visit our children and their teacher, and if we have time ought to extend our visits to other districts.

But it is not alone in the matter of visiting the school that we may aid the teacher, and help conduct the term to a successful issue. A respectful estimation of the teacher, and a proper demeanor toward him, especially in the presence of our children, may be of great advantage to him. His de-

cision, sustained by the parent, when right, will add greatly to his importance in the minds of the children, and their respect is gauged by the respect we show him.

We can, on the other hand, by carelessly speaking, or by a disparaging look, make it a most difficult and uncomfortable position for him to occupy. We ought to know these things and understand them more thoroughly than we do. The teachers success is our success, because our children are benefitted and advanced.

We may aid in making our schools more potent for good by causing our children to be punctual in their attendance. A lesson half lost to a boy or girl by tardiness or absence, cannot always be obtained by stopping after school. This course, pursued for most of the term, the child becomes careless and neglectful, and at the close of the school has not made half the improvement he might or ought. As we remarked at the beginning, so let us reiterate, that we, as parents, cannot be too faithful in giving to our children all the opportunities the town affords.

Your Committee have not seen fit to make any change in the Text Books, though frequently importuned to do so by interested agents, believing those now in use to be equal to any we have had presented to us. Our scholars have, in a good sense, become familiar with those we use, and we are assured, from the general progress of all our scholars the past year that no change is demanded.

Our school houses might all be made more attractive. Some of them are by no means what they should be. Our public buildings are exponents of our thrift and enterprise. A stranger, visiting some of our districts, would say that these qualities were extinct in our community, judging from our halls of education. Let us heed the many exhortations on that point, and give our children the school houses, and teachers the age demands and our ability would justify.

Annexed is a table of statistics which will interest all who will study them.

HERBERT A. DEAN,	} School Com.
CALVIN T. CRANE,	
BENJ. F. CHASE.	
	} of
	} Berkley.

TABLE OF SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1872-3.

SCHOOL.	Names of Teachers.	Length of School.		Summer Attendance.		Winter Attendance.		Under 5 yrs. of age.		Over 15 yrs. of age.		Wages pr mo. of teachers.		Amt exp'd ea schl	
		S.	W.	Whole Av.	Whole Av.	Whole Av.	Whole Av.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	Teachers.	Wood and care house
No. 1, S. and W.	Eudora M. Allen,	4	3	25	15 1-2	28	19 35-38	3	1		2	28.00	32.00	208.00	18.50
" 2, S.	Mary L. Burt,	2		20	15	23					2	28.00			
" 2, W.	Lizzie A. Dean,	2	3			23		1		1		24.00	32.00	208.00	18.50
" 3, S.	Nellie W. Winslow,	2		23	17										
" 3, S.	Myra C. Whitaker,	2		18	12			1				28.00			
" 3, W.	Elmira F. Cudworth,		3			23	18				2		32.00	200.00	18.50
" 4, S.	Elmira F. Cudworth,	2		16	10 4-5			1		1		28.00		208.00	13.00
" 4, W.	Myra C. Whitaker,	2	3			23	19		1		3				
" 5, S. and W.	Nellie R. Strange.	4	3	11	7	17	12				4	28.00	32.00	208.00	16.50
" 6, S. and W.	Julia R. Burt,	4	3	23	14	19	14	1	1		2	28.00	32.00	208.00	18.50
		24	18	118	76 4-5	138	105 35-38	6	3	2	17			1240.00	105.50

Town Appropriation,
State School Fund,
County Dog Fund,
Total Expended for Schools,

\$1,200.00
126.86
47.04
1,373.90

TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1st, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, April 1st, 1872,	\$210 60	
State, County and Town Taxes,	3077 34	
Two Fish Notes,	350 00	
One Oyster Note,	400 00	
State Treasurer. State Aid,	124 00	
“ “ Corporation Tax, “	12 86	
“ “ School Fund,	126 86	
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	47 04	
J. P. and Esther Dillingham, in part payment of board of wife of J. P. Dillingham, at State Lunatic Hospital,	36 25	
Interest added to Taxes,	2 20	
	<hr/>	\$4,387 15

EXPENDITURES.

State and County Taxes,	\$875 10
Selectmen,	81 36
Assessors,	60 12
School Committee,	41 00

State Aid.	126 00	
Aid out of Almshouse,	61 44	
Highways and Bridges,	765 68	
Public Schools,	1,426 71	
Incidentals,	826 94	
	<hr/>	\$4264 35
Cash in Treasury, April 1st,		122 80
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		\$4,387 15

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

State Tax,	\$540 00
County Tax,	316 90
National Bank Tax,	18 20

SELECTMEN.

William Babbitt,	\$38 50	
B. F. Coombs,	12 10	
Hercules Dean,	15 76	
G. L. Leach, (1871),	15 00	
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Expended for Selectmen,		\$81 36

ASSESSORS.

Walter D. Nichols,	\$37 50	
S. H. Cudworth,	22 62	
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Expended for Assessors,		\$60 12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert A. Dean,	\$35 00	
Calvin T. Crane,	6 00	
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Expended for School Committee,		\$41 00

STATE AID.

T. P. Burt,	\$72 00	
Lewis Green,	36 00	
Bildad Williams,	18 00	
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Expended for State Aid,		\$126 00

AID FURNISHED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Town of Westboro', on acc't. Thos. M. Rowley,	\$43 32	
B. L. Burt & Co, on acc't. M. Newhall,	13 64	
B. L. Burt & Co., " S. D. Briggs,	4 48	
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Expended for Aid,		\$61 44

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

E. B. Babbitt, for shoveling snow,	\$10 10	
Francis Newhall, " "	3 60	
J. Jones, " "	1 00	
I. Babbitt, " "	1 20	
A. Babbitt, " "	50	
J. D. Babbitt, " "	40	
C. Hathaway, " "	60	
N. A. Pierce, " "	50	
Elijah Wilbur, for labor on highway,	4 80	
John A. Reed, " "	4 00	
Eliphalet Terry, " "	5 80	
John H. Macomber, shoveling snow,	60	
Thomas F. Dean, " "	70	

Albert E. Dean,	"	"	1 20
John Q. Dillingham,	"	"	90
Enoch Boyce,	"	"	70
George E. Boyce,	"	"	70
Benj. F. Chase,	"	"	80
Alex. T. Gray,	"	"	70
Elisha Belcher,	"	"	60
W. D. Nichols,	"	"	4 00
John A. Reed, for labor on highway,			36 00
James A. Roberts,	"	"	7 00
John A. Reed,	"	"	8 60
Elijah Wilbur,	"	"	12 60
Isaiah Goodspeed,	"	"	4 00
Ebenezer Briggs,	"	"	4 20
Davis Allen,	"	"	28 40
Thomas Terry,	"	"	9 80
William Caswell,	"	"	14 00
Albert W. Allen,	"	"	7 20
John T. Townsend,	"	"	16 00
Silas Norcutt,	"	"	5 50
Noah H. Strange,	"	"	10 20
George W. Watson,	"	"	3 40
Rufus Macomber,	"	"	14 00
J. S. Paull, for gravel,			1 96
Hercules Dean, for labor on highway,			5 30
S. Albert Burt,	"	"	13 40
David Hexie,	"	"	11 00
Thomas Burt,	"	"	6 80
Rollin H. Babbitt,	"	"	10 40
Simeon Briggs,	"	"	4 20
Philip H. Fletcher,	"	"	7 50
Alfred Pierce,	"	"	6 80
C. S. Briggs,	"	"	9 20
Benjamin Paull,	"	"	8 50
D. S. Briggs,	"	"	3 70
Francis Richmond,	"	"	2 00
Alvin Briggs,	"	"	14 00

Henry W. Clark,	"	"	4 00
S. B. Allen,	"	"	7 50
S Knapp,	"	"	31 00
A. Seekell,	"	"	6 40
John Hammon,	"	"	7 80
Joseph Staples,	"	"	9 00
C. French,	"	"	6 50
Geo. W. Westgate,	"	"	42 20
B. H. Thrasher,	"	"	29 28
Daniel Crane,	"	"	5 00
H. A. Dean,	"	"	6 00
B. H. Thrasher,	"	"	4 22
Horace Green,	"	"	5 00
B. F. Cheeny,	"	"	4 00
John T. Townsend,	"	"	42 00
Darius Sanford,	"	"	9 00
John C. Crane,	"	"	7 80
Cyrus Hathaway,	"	"	8 80
B. H. Thrasher,	"	"	30 00
George P. Strange,	"	"	8 80
John Boyce,	"	"	9 85
Enoch Boyce,	"	"	3 21
Calvin Belcher,	"	"	66
Elisha Belcher,	"	"	94
B. F. Coombs,	"	"	3 16
Peter L. Chase,	"	"	4 36
B. F. Chase,	"	"	2 36
Albert E. Dean,	"	"	36
Ebenezer Dean,	"	"	3 56
Thomas F. Dean,	"	"	3 66
John T. Dean,	"	"	1 84
S. P. Dillingham,	"	"	96
E. D. Dillingham,	"	"	2 38
J. D. Dillingham,	"	"	36
J. Q. Dillingham,	"	"	5 22
Allen Gray,	"	"	1 60
Alex. T. Gray,	"	"	46

Peter Hathaway,	"	"	1 80
Benjamin Luther,	"	"	1 92
James Maguire,	"	"	2 18
John H. Macomber,	"	"	2 42
Walter D. Nichols,	"	"	5 70
Darius Phillips,	"	"	2 06
George Pierce,	"	"	2 14
Jeremiah Pierce,	"	"	44
Samuel S. Pierce,	"	"	76
Simeon H. Luther,	"	"	36
E. B. Babbitt and others,	"	in Dist. No. 3,	97 60

Expended for Roads and Bridges,	\$765 68
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,200 00	
State School Fund,	126 86	
County Dog Fund,	47 04	
Total for Schools,		\$1,373 90
Expended for Teachers,	\$1,240 00	
" " Repairs on School Houses,	85 96	
" " Incidentals,	100 75	
Total Expended on Acc't. of Schools,		\$1,426 71

INCIDENTALS.

William Babbitt,	\$15 56
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of J. P. Dillingham's wife,	117 50

T. P. Burt, Town Clerk,	17 85	
Bullock & Quillen, Painting Sign Boards,	29 25	
S. Knapp, Care of Town House,	9 26	
J. Jones, Moving and rebuilding Pound,	35 00	
Republican, for Printing,	28 00	
E. B. Babbitt, 4 chains and repairing Settees,	7 00	
Town of Middleboro', care of Fish at E. Taunton,	30 00	
D. S. Hathaway, Professional Services,	4 50	
E. B. Babbitt, Serving Dog Warrant,	5 00	
Paid for killing Woodchucks, (by vote of Town),	141 50	
Collector's Bill,	50 00	
Treasurer's Commission,	38 65	
Discounts, Abatements and Sinkages,	307 87	
	<hr/>	\$826 94

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF BERKLEY.

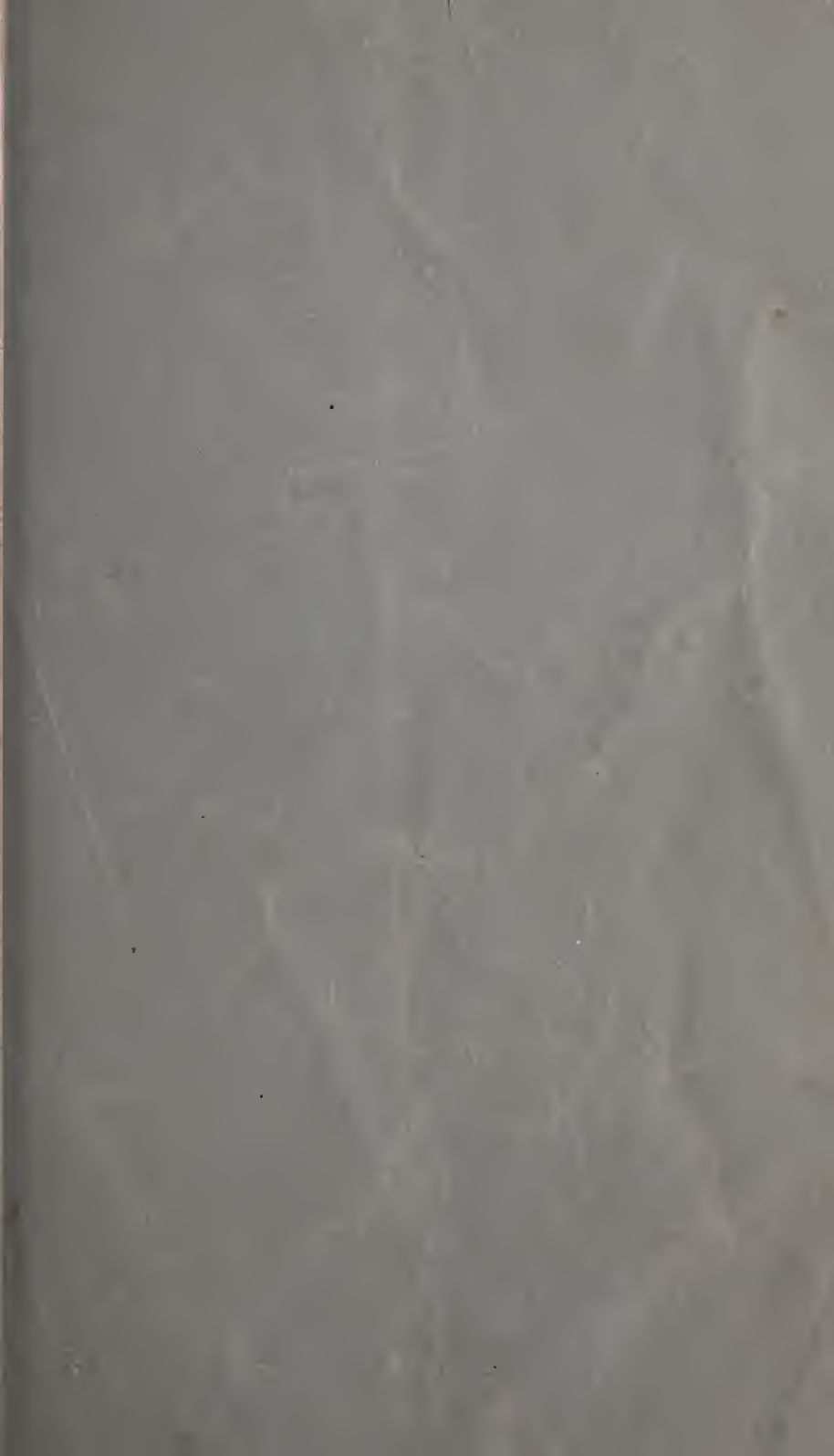
Town House,	\$1,000 00	
“ Farm,	3,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,500 00
Valuation of Stock, Provisions, Hay, Farming		
Utensils &c., on Town Farm,	\$1,107 94	
Iron Safe, for use of Town,	75 00	
Book Case “ “ “ “	18 00	
2 Fish Notes due June 1st, 1873,	195 00	
13 Oyster notes due June 1st, 1873, '74, '75,		
'76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84,		
and '85,	14,260 00	
State Aid, due from State,	157 50	
Cash in Treasury April 1st,	122 80	
	<hr/>	\$15,936 24
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		\$20,436 24

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Rebecca Webster, note dated April 1st, 1867,	\$214 26	
Enoch Boyce, " " " " "	142 77	
	<hr/>	\$357 03


T. PRESTON BURT,

Treasurer of Berkley.

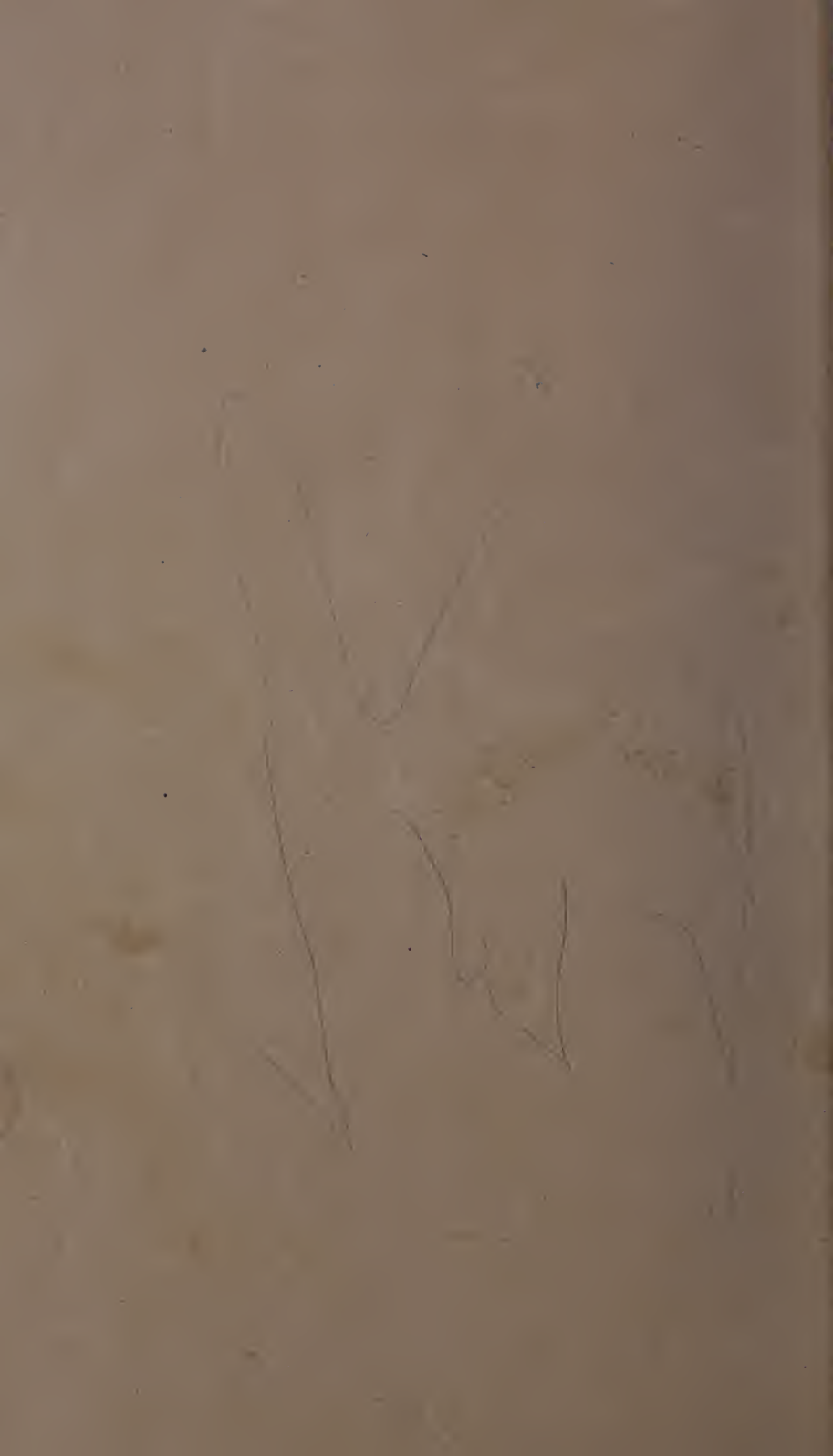




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TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury April 1st, 1880,	\$171.53	
Two fish notes,	256.00	
One oyster note,	1,306.00	
City Fall River,	21.00	
Hired of Machinists National Bank,	300.00	
School Fund,	214.85	
Corporation Tax,	29.38	
National Bank Tax,	437.72	
State Aid,	174.00	
Relief for Indigent soldiers,	36.00	
Burial State Pauper, (I. Weaver,)	10.00	
Dog fund,	69.07	
Scholars out of town,	5.75	
State, County and Town Tax,	4,688.42	
Addition to taxes,	7.00	
Interest on taxes,	1.60	
	<hr/>	\$7,728.32

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

Lizzie D. French,	\$50.00	
Julia R. Burt,	252.00	
E. M. Johnston,	244.00	
H. L. Turner,	70.00	
M. A. B. Wilbur,	184.00	
A. F. Cummings,	50.00	
Annie M. Bowers,	50.00	
Annie P. Moore,	50.00	
N. J. Phillips,	50.00	
C. L. Hollis,	182.00	
S. P. Dillingham,	182.00	
A. R. Street,	112.00	
P. C. Porter,	112.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,588.00

EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS—Continued.

T. A. Briggs, wood and sawing,	\$14.12	
Alfred Pierce, wood,	2.00	
A. W. Allen, “	10.00	
Wm. Caswell, “	20.00	
Henry Sanford, sawing wood,	7.50	
C. M. Wade, wood,	10.00	
Hercules Dean, “	12.00	
F. B. Terry, sawing wood,	3.75	
Gardner Bosworth, “	1.75	
C. S. Coombs, “	3.38	
D. F. Richmond, “	50	
A. A. Case, building fires,	3.50	
G. H. Myrick, wood,	4.00	
A. W. Allen, “	2.00	
B. E. Townsend, building fires,	3.50	
T. F. Dean, wood,	7.00	
Willie Westgate, sawing wood,	3.75	
Ellie Smith, building fires,	3 50	
A. W. Strange, building fires and sawing wood,	4.25	
E. S. Macomber, “ “	4.81	
F. L. Williams, sawing wood,	30	
George Hammond, building fires,	3.50	
T. W. Dean, “ “	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,716.61

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,400.00	
School Fund,	214.85	
Dog Fund,	69.07	
Scholars out of town,	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,689.67

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Machinists' National Bank, note,	\$500.00	
“ “ “ “	300.00	
Interest on note,	3.46	
	<hr/>	\$803.46

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. Babbitt, service as Selectman,	\$66.00	
“ “ cash paid out,	14.84	
A. W. Allen, service Selectman,	15.50	
P. L. Chace, “ “	15.00	
W. D. Nichols, service School Committee,	30.00	
“ “ money paid out,	1.40	
B. F. Coombs, service as School Committee,	11.25	
T. P. Paull, “ “ “	22.75	
“ “ cash paid out,	22.30	
J. A. Read, service as Town Clerk,	24.70	
N. H. Strange, Collector and Treasurer,	74.00	
B. F. Chase, Assessor,	38.75	
G. L. Leach, “	43.75	
“ “ Books & Stationary,	2.25	
B. S. Haskins, Assessor,	32.50	
	<hr/>	\$414.99

STATE AID.

Carlos C. Wellman,	\$120.00	
Lewis Green,	36.00	
Bildad Williams,	18.60	
	<hr/>	\$174.00

MILITARY AID.

Wm. Smith, 13 months,	\$140.00	
B. F. Dean, “ “	104.00	
	<hr/>	\$244.00

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Hospital, F. French,	\$194.31	
“ “ Mercy Seekell,	66.92	
City of Taunton, Abigail Briggs,	25.69	
Bradford and Henry Macomber,	33.00	
Abby Seekell,	113.00	
C. B. Hathaway,	18.45	
O. F. Hathaway,	116.50	
Harriet Ramsey, coal,	5.75	
Ross,	1.00	
Charles Norcutt,	3.03	
Town of Brockton, Mrs. Thomas Rowley,	13.50	
	<hr/>	\$591.15

SNOW BILLS.

S. H. Cudworth,	\$1.00	
S. F. Staples,	1.87	
H. B. Babbitt and others,	2.84	
	<hr/>	\$5.71

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Printing Reports, E. Davol,	\$32.00	
Wm. Babbitt, serving as Committee in 1879,	5.00	
J. C. Standish, taking care B. & Dighton bridge,	41.25	
“ “ repairs on bridge,	9.33	
Henry Bullock, painting guide boards,	18.25	
D. S. Briggs, settling with Treasurer,	1.00	
Town of Middleboro, taking care of fish,	20.00	
J. C. Standish, taking care B. & Dighton bridge,	44.25	
Alexander Swift, making sign boards,	6.00	
W. H. S. Crane, 1 post and putting up boards,	2.00	
County Tax,	350.33	
Fuller & Bennett, legal advice,	7.00	
G. L. Hammond, cleaning school house,	1.50	
State Tax,	270.00	
B. H. Thrasher, guide post and setting,	5.00	
J. A. Read, repairs on school house and sundries,	4 40	
A. W. Allen, guide post and setting,	2.10	
N. G. Case, repairing, plastering & blackboards,	6.50	
W. H. S. Crane, serving warrants,	10.00	
“ “ “ handbills and handcuffs,	4.00	
“ “ “ settling with Treasurer,	1.00	
“ “ “ repairs on school house,	1.50	
Sinkage on taxes,	30.10	
B. L. Burt, sundries for school house,	1.54	
Discount on taxes,	431.69	
B. F. Coombs, repairs on school house,	4.00	
N. H. Strange, sundries,	3.50	
B. L. Burt, sundries for school house,	.84	
	<hr/>	\$1,314.08

SCHOOL HOUSE IN NO. 6.

School house lot, J. Staples,	\$25.00
G. W. Westgate, laying foundation,	35.00
Isaac Pierce, labor,	416.00
“ “ “	400.00

H. H. Gnello, painting and graining,	30.00	
Furniture,	108.97	
S. F. Colwill, bolts,	.50	
W. H. Newcomb, blinds &c.,	11.75	
Jerome Babbitt, pipe,	13.02	
F. R. Washburn, sundries,	1.79	
T. P. Paull, writing contract and work on lot,	15.18	
G. M. Cole, work on lot,	10.00	
J. T. Townsend and others, work on lot,	29.40	
P. H. Fletcher, " " " "	62.00	
Dighton Furnace Co., stove,	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,170.61

EXPENDED BY SELECTMEN ON HIGHWAY.

T. H. Eaton, labor on highways,	\$10.25	
R. B. Eaton, " "	7.75	
P. L. Chase, " "	31.75	
A. W. Allen, " "	21.00	
R. H. Eaton, " "	6.00	
D. F. Strange, " "	6.12	
C. E. Viall, " "	2.50	
T. C. Dean, " "	12.17	
N. G. Townsend, " "	8.75	
J. T. Townsend, " "	38.00	
Wm. Caswell, " " and gravel,	22.73	
Stephen Cory, " "	2.75	
	<hr/>	\$169.77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Albert Pitts,	184 hours labor,	\$23.00
David Hoxie,	40 " "	5.00
" "	gravel,	.64
Henry Hathaway,	80 hours labor,	10.00
D. S. Briggs,	10 " "	1.25
G. L. Leach,	120 " "	15.00
Elijah Wilbur,	40 " "	5.00
Charles Bissett,	80 " "	10.00
Capt. Geo. Cummings,	6 " "	.75
Bildad Williams,	30 " "	3.75
Samuel Phillips,	36 " "	4.50

John A. Reed,	81	"	"	10.13
Oliver French,	20	"	"	2.50
" " "			gravel,	.60
Jason Cummings,	30	hours	labor,	3.75
John Cameron,	60	"	"	7.50
Albert Burt,	20	"	"	2.50
Fred Williams,	20	"	"	2.50
E. H. Allen,	120	"	"	15.00
A. H. Allen,	120	"	"	15.00
" " "	70	"	"	8.75
" " "	team,	55	"	6.87
E. H. Allen,		55	"	6.87
" " "	team,	55	"	6.87
George Cummings,		6	"	.75
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				\$168.48

DISTRICT No. 2.

T. T. Burt,	247	hours	labor,	\$30.87
Stephen Cory,	30	"	"	3.75
Geo. A. Norcutt,	35	"	"	4.37½
Horace Macomber,	40	"	"	5.00
Enoch Macomber,	11	"	"	1.37½
Alvin Briggs,	90	"	"	11.25
H. A. Dean,	70	"	"	8.75
" " "	40	loads	gravel,	1.60
Barnard Norcutt,	8	hours	labor,	1.00
James Macomber,	30	"	"	3.75
Chas. Westgate,	65	"	"	8.12½
Chas. Cory,	83	"	"	10.37½
Shep. Phillips,	43	"	"	5.37½
Silas Norcutt,	128	"	"	16.00
Walter Phillips,	15	"	"	1.87½
Caleb Briggs,	10	"	"	1.25
Irving Chase,	15	"	"	1.87½
Henry Westgate,	6	"	"	.75
Geo. B. Westgate,	9	"	"	1.12
Nathan Bowen,	80	"	"	10.00
Miles Dean,	40	"	"	5.00
Capt. Sam'l Norcutt,	25	"	"	3.12½
Otis Haskell,	3	"	"	.37½
Gravel,				1.60
1083x12½,				<hr/>
				\$136.97

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Jethro Ashley,	11 hours labor,	\$1.38
Adoniram Babbitt,	20 " "	2.50
" " "	team, 20 " "	2.50
Edward Babbitt,	25 " "	3.13
Isaac Babbitt,	32 " "	4.00
" " "	team, 25 " "	3.13
" " "	post and poles,	2.00
H. B. Babbitt,	116 " "	14.50
" " "	double team, 38 " "	9.50
T. A. Briggs,	38 " "	4.75
" " "	team, 25 " "	3.13
" " "	stones for bridge,	1.50
S. Covel,	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	3.41
" " "	team, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1.54
J. C. Crane,	33 " "	4.13
" " "	team, 15 " "	1.87
W. H. S. Crane,	28 " "	3.50
" " " "	team, 15 " "	1.88
George Crane,	10 " "	1.25
A. Cummings,	18 " "	2.25
" " "	team, 8 " "	1.00
J. R. Elsbree,	18 " "	2.25
" " "	double team, 10 " "	2.50
W. B. Haskins,	50 " "	6.25
" " "	double team, 30 " "	7.50
Stephen Hathaway,	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	2.82
" " "	team, 15 " "	1.88
" " "	spikes,	.15
Cyrus Hathaway,	15 " "	1.87
" " "	team, 15 " "	1.88
Albert Hathaway,	15 " "	1.88
A. E. Jones,	10 " "	1.25
G. H. Myrick,	50 " "	6.25
" " "	team, 20 " "	2.50
F. Newhall,	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	4.69
" " "	team, 25 " "	3.13
J. W. Thrasher,	10 " "	1.25
" " "	team, 10 " "	1.25

 \$122.15

DISTRICT No. 4.

Peter L. Chase,	3 days and plow,	\$4.25
B. F. Chase,	gravel,	6.16
Geo. E. Boyce,	17 "	21.25
John Boyce,	4 "	5.00
Elisha Belcher,	1 "	1.25
B. G. Hathaway,	7 " and gravel,	9.50
Abisha Pittsley,	1 "	1.25
James D. Dillingham,	1 "	1.25
J. Q. Dillingham,	8½ "	10.63
W. D. Nichols,	9 "	11.25
Geo. L. Hammond,	4½ "	5.63
B. F. Coombs,	6 "	7.50
Benj. Luther,	3 "	3.75
Benj. Phillips,	2½ "	3.13
John Grinnell,	2 "	2.50
James Maguire,	2 "	2.50
B. F. Coombs,	gravel,	2.40
John Boyce,	"	.32
S. W. Luther,	1 "	1.25
C. A. Davis,	2 "	2.50
John Grinnell,	1 "	1.25
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		\$104.52

DISTRICT No. 5.

Job D. Briggs,	20 hours at 12½c.	\$2.50
Chester J. Briggs,	10 "	1.25
Joseph W. Terry,	5 "	.62½
George P. Strange,	52 "	6.50
Ebenezer D. Briggs,	29 "	3.62½
Henry W. Clark,	28 "	3.50
David T. Strange,	91 "	11.87½
Albert W. Strange,	20 "	2.50
Albert W. Allen,	116 "	14.50
Theodore H. Eaton,	30 "	3.75
John F. Richmond,	55 "	6.87½
Thomas Terry,	47½ "	5.93
Alfred Pierce,	40 "	5.00
Roland B. Eaton,	10 "	1.25
David K. Richmond,	10 "	1.25
Appollos Webster,	120 "	15.00
Cyrus Haskins,	40 "	5.00

Henry D. Clark,	25	"	"	3.12½
David F. Strange,	5	"	"	.62½
N. H. Strange,	72	"	"	9.00
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				\$103.68

DISTRICT No. 6.

Benj. H. Thrasher,	345	hours labor & team, powder, fuse,	\$43.12½
B. F. Cheney,	37	hours labor at 12½c.	4.62½
F. D. Harmon,	65½	"	8.15½
George Cole,	108	"	13.50
Wm. Caswell,	97	"	12.12½
Geo. A. Harmon,	43	"	5.37½
Samuel Macomber,	110	"	13.75
N. G. Townsend,	155	"	19.37½
Joseph Staples,	56	"	7.00
C. Viall,	138	" and gravel,	20.43
Isaac Seymore,	91	"	11 37½
Israel Chase,	10	and gravel,	8.45
Henry Dyer,	20	"	2.50
Dean P. Westgate,	35	"	4.37½
Christopher French,	35	" labor & gravel,	4.15
P. H. Fletcher,		"	15.00
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			\$193.31

DISTRICT No. 7.

I. N. Horton,	40	hours labor,	\$5.00
Elam R. Haskins,	61	"	7.62
John Meack,	73	"	9.12
George Macomber,	108	"	13.50
Leander Terry,	62½	"	7.80
Wm. Simms,	40	"	5.00
C. F. Paull,	80	"	10.00
" " " 16 loads gravel, 3 cts.,			.48
Timothy Staples,	80	"	10.00
James Wade,	40	"	5.00
James H. Wade, 75 loads gravel,			2.25
Mrs. J. W. Pickens, 240 " "			7.20
Joshua Padelford,	10	"	1.25
Jacob C. Haskins,	10	"	1.25

George L. Turcott,	10	"	"	1.25
John F. Cushing,	10	"	"	1.25
Eli Wardell,	10	"	"	1.25
Julius C. Haskins,	100	"	"	12.50
John Cushing,	17½	"	"	2.18
A. B. Reed,	10	"	"	1.25
Chas. White,	25	"	"	3.11
C. R. Haskins,	14½	"	"	1.81
F. S. Macomber,	11	"	"	1.37
John Staples,	10	"	"	1.25
Azariah H. Petty,	14½	"	"	1.81
R. B. Eaton,	32	"	"	4.00
T. Eaton,	10	"	"	1.25
John Willis,	60	"	"	7.50
Elkanah Pierce,	110	"	"	13.75
" " 75 loads gravel,				8.01
C. E. Vial,	50	"	"	1.50
C. H. Wade,	16½	"	"	2.06
Benj. Haskins,	30	"	"	3.75
C. Harrington,	30	"	"	3.75
Wm. H. Pierce,	15	"	"	1.87
Henry Shove,	15	"	"	1.87
Mrs. S. Myrick,	60	"	"	7.50
Seth F. Staples,	388½	"	"	48.54
" " 10 loads gravel,				.30
Russell Haskins,	40	"	"	5.00
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				\$225.15

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,		\$7,728.32
Expended for Schools,	\$1,716.61	
“ “ Notes and Interest,	803.46	
“ “ Town Officers,	414.99	
“ “ State Aid,	174.00	
“ “ Military Aid,	244.00	
“ “ Support Poor out Almshouse,	591.15	
“ “ Snow Bills,	5.75	
“ “ Miscellaneous Bills,	1,314.08	
“ “ School House in No. 6,	1,170.61	
“ by Selectmen on Highways,	169.77	
“ for Road Bills, No. 1,	168.48	
“ “ “ “ No. 2,	136.97	
“ “ “ “ No. 3,	122.15	
“ “ “ “ No. 4,	104.52	
“ “ “ “ No. 5,	103.68	
“ “ “ “ No. 6,	193.31	
“ “ “ “ No. 7,	225.15	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	69.68	
	<hr/>	\$7,728.32

NOAH H. STRANGE,

Treasurer and Collector of Berkley.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer have this day attended to that duty and find his charges correct and duly authenticated. We find in the hands of the Treasurer,

A balance of	\$69.68
Notes of Robert Pettis of Providence :	
Due June 1st, 1881,	1,306.00
“ “ “ 1882,	1,306.00
“ “ “ 1883,	1,306.00
“ “ “ 1884,	1,306.00
“ “ “ 1885,	1,306.00
Two fish notes due June 1st, 1881,	159.00

WALTER D. NICHOLS,	} Committee to settle with Treasurer.
JULIUS C. HASKINS,	

A true copy—Attest,

N. H. STRANGE, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

The following is the valuation of the personal property of the Town of Berkley, found at the Town Farm of said Berkley March 21, 1881, together with the condition of the paupers thereat:

1 Bay horse, \$140 ; 1 old horse, 25,	\$165.00
5 Cows at 37 ; 3 shoats, 35,	220.00
4 Turkeys, 8 ; 50 hens, 25,	33.00
1 Calf, 12 ; $\frac{3}{4}$ ton swale hay, 9,	21.00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tons English hay at 21 ; 1 ton bl'k hay at 15,	130.50
4 Bushels rye, 1 ; 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels corn at 70c.,	7.85
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels corn, 1 ; 1 thousand shingles, 3.50,	4.50
1 Monkey wrench, 75c. ; 3 scythes and snaths, 2.50,	3.25
11 Cords wood cut up at the door at 5,	55.00
120 Rails, 9 ; locust poles and posts, 8,	17.00
1 Grindstone, 3 ; 6 bushels potatoes at 90c.,	8.40
4 Bushels turnips at 50c. ; 1 ham, 2.67 ; 25 lbs. lard at 20c ,	9.67
175 Lbs. pork at 10c. ; 10 lbs. dried apples at 7c.,	18.20
1 Churn, 4 ; 45 gallons vinegar at 15c.,	10.75
1 Clothes wringer, 7 ; 2 tubs, 1,	8.00
1 Whitewash brush, 60c. ; 2 milk-pails, 1,	1.60
2 Stable pails, 50c. ; 22 milk-pans, 2,	2.50

1 Apple parer, 90c. ; sled and harrow, 3,	3.90
1 Iron bar and sledge, 2 ; 5 chains, 4,	6.00
3 Hoes, 1 ; 2 shovels and 1 spade, 1.75,	2.85
3 Manure forks, 75c. ; 1 old sleigh, 4,	4.75
1 Horse rake, 4 ; 1 mowing machine, 50,	54.00
2 Plows, 10 ; 5 hay folks, 1 ; 5 rakes, 1,	12.00
1 Farm wagon, 50 ; 1 express wagon, 35,	85.00
1 Tackle and fall, 1.50 ; harnesses, 18,	19.50
1 Stump hook, 1.50 ; 2 ladders and rakes, 1.50,	3.00
5 Hoes and 1 digger, 1 ; hoe and whiffletree, 1,	2.00
3 Axes, 1.50 ; 2 saws, 1.50,	3.00
1 Horse blanket, 50c. ; hay rigging, 1,	1.50
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Total, 1881,	\$913.62
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Total, 1880,	\$932.16

The total valuation of 1881 is \$18.54 less than the valuation of 1880.

In settling with Mr. C. T. Belcher, Agent at the Town Farm, we find that he has charged himself with sundries sold by him amounting to \$591.97

And has charged the town with sundry supplies bought by him amounting to 449.82
And with his salary of 200.00

Total against town, \$649.82

Leaving the sum of \$57.85
due him, for which sum we have given him an order upon the Town Treasurer.

\$649.82

There are four paupers at the almshouse, viz :—John Hall, aged 73 years ; John Westgate, aged 55 years ; Amanda French, aged 78 years, and Esther Norcut, supposed to have arrived at the great age of 95 years.

The cost of supporting three and one-tenth paupers, (being the average during the past year) has been

Interest on farm say,	\$200.00
Balance of Agent's salary,	57.85
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	\$257.85

This makes the cost of supporting each pauper at the almshouse \$1.60 per week. They seem to have been well cared for.—Travelers or tramps have been fed and lodged at the almshouse during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. NICHOLS,	} Selectmen of Berkley.
HERBERT A. DEAN,	
ALBERT W. ALLEN,	

Berkley, April 1, 1881.

LIST OF TAXES FOR 1880.

Stephen B. Allen's Estate,	\$34 03
Amos H. Allen,	2 00
Edwin H. Allen,	2 00
Davis Allen,	29 46
Albert W. Allen,	2 00
Jethro Ashley,	16 60
Martin Alden,	23 08
Augustus Adams,	2 00
Benj. F. Anthony,	12 79
Polly & Rachel Burt,	1 00
Abner Burt Estate,	3 15
Gardner D. Bosworth,	2 00
Holder Brightman,	2 16
Thomas Burt Estate,	17 33
Caroline Burt widow,	6 30
Silas Braley,	2 00
Stephen A. Burt,	13 82
Alexander E. Burt,	2 53
Daniel S. Briggs,	19 75
Caleb S. Briggs,	9 10
Andrew Briggs,	3 32
Charles Bissett,	26 16
Maria Bissett Estate,	6 04
Wm. Babbitt and others,	8 40
Wm. Babbitt,	33 77
Wm. Boyce,	11 19
Edward Babbitt,	13 45
Simeon Briggs Estate,	15 49
Simeon Briggs Jr.,	2 53
Herbert F. Briggs,	2 00
Thomas A. Briggs,	22 49
John D. Babbitt,	16 45
Adoniram Babbitt,	3 05
Rollin H. Babbitt,	18 55
Enoch B. Babbitt,	29 57

Horace B. Babbitt,	2 00
Isaac Babbitt,	30 41
Gideon H. Babbitt,	2 00
Albert F. Bassett,	20 17
Levi L. Bowker,	3 74
John Boyce,	26 61
George E. Boyce,	26 27
Elisha Belcher,	6 99
Calvin Belcher,	5 31
Wm. H. Belcher,	2 00
Leonard T. Belcher,	2 00
Ebenezer D. Briggs,	10 67
Job D. Briggs,	2 00
Chester J. Briggs,	2 00
Sarah Burt,	80
Joseph Burt Estate,	4 73
Weltha C. Boyce,	2 63
Thomas T. Burt,	5 68
Nancy Burt,	17 33
Alvin Briggs,	21 33
N. G. T. Bowen,	24 74
George H. Bowers,	24 68
Alfred Boardman,	24 69
Arthur Bennett,	2 00
Richard Burn,	2 00
Thomas Chaffee,	2 00
John C. Crane,	25 37
Wm. H. S. Crane,	17 51
Samuel Covell,	17 49
George Crane,	2 00
Sarah Crane,	9 19
Adoniram Cummings,	11 20
Benj. F. Coombs,	30 62
Margaret Crane,	23 88
John Cameron,	3 05
Abiel B. Crane,	17 13
George Cummings,	11 72
Joseph T. Cummings,	9 68
Jason Cummings,	15 29
Jason Cummings Jr.,	2 00
Barzillia Crane Estate,	12 08
Nathan G. Case,	11 98
Charles Cory,	19 70
Stephen Corey,	12 50
Thomas G. Chase,	2 42
George W. Cummings,	2 53
Andrew H. Covell,	3 84

Charles E. Clark,	34 41
Charles E. Clark Jr.,	2 00
John J. Clark,	2 00
Francis P. Clark,	2 00
James Clark,	2 00
Benj. Crane Estate,	3 15
Peter L. Chace,	42 14
Thomas H. Chace,	2 00
Benj. F. Chase,	22 63
Henry W. Clark,	12 25
Henry D. Clark,	2 00
Israel Chase,	9 51
Benj. F. Cheney,	7 21
Wm. Caswell,	22 33
Daniel Caswell,	2 00
George M. Cole,	2 00
Samuel H. Cudworth,	12 19
Calvin T. Crane,	29 57
John Cushing,	11 45
Abbie Chaffee,	3 15
Samuel N. Crane,	2 00
Wm. A. Chamberlain,	5 15
Mrs. E. R. Clark,	4 47
John F. Cushing,	2 00
James Covell,	2 00
James Darvell,	2 00
Vernon L. Dean,	2 00
Hercules Dean,	27 78
Thomas C. Dean,	26 79
Thomas B. Dean,	2 00
Miles S. Dean,	18 13
Albert E. Dean,	2 00
Thomas F. Dean,	25 26
Ebenezer Dean,	27 89
Charles A. Davis,	14 61
Esther D. Dillingham,	22 58
S. P. D. Dillingham,	6 30
James D. Dillingham,	2 32
John Q. Dillingham,	44 69
Silas Downing,	6 62
Henry J. Dyer,	8 83
Herbert A. Dean,	110 47
Roland B. Eaton,	19 38
Theodore H. Eaton,	2 00
Joseph R. Ellsbree,	21 49
Jeremiah R. Ellsbree,	2 00
Wm. K. Evans,	16 18

Oliver E. French,	22 96
Charles W. Farmer,	18 81
Emily Farmer,	12 34
James O. French,	9 09
Mary B. French,	6 62
George W. Felch,	2 00
Timothy E. French,	8 04
Christopher P. French,	16 18
Philip H. Fletcher,	67 21
Louis P. Fletcher,	2 00
John Gidmark,	2 00
Lewis Green,	4 94
Allen Gray,	15 92
Alexander T. Gray,	3 32
John Grinnell,	18 23
George L. Hammond,	15 24
Wm. B. Haskins,	53 61
Joseph P. Haskins Estate,	23 10
Shadrach Hathaway,	13 29
Enoch S. Hathaway,	3 21
Enoch Hathaway Estate,	1 58
Benj. Hathaway Estate,	5 25
Henry Hathaway,	15 60
Rebecca G. Hathaway,	22 26
David Hoxie,	30 51
Edward B. Hathaway,	2 00
Otis Haskell,	3 05
Wm. H. Haskell,	2 00
James A. Haskell,	2 00
Cyrus Hathaway,	14 97
Charles A. Hathaway,	2 79
John Harmon,	8 51
Sarah J. Hathaway,	2 10
Albert Hathaway,	3 95
Rowena Hathaway widow,	53
Cyrus Haskins, Jr.,	2 53
Cyrus Haskins Estate,	8 82
Augustus R. Haines,	6 20
James Hathaway Estate,	7 41
Bradford G. Hathaway,	16 48
Henry A. Haines,	2 00
Michael Harrington,	2 00
Peter Hathaway Estate,	19 95
George F. Howard,	2 00
George A. Harmon,	2 00
Russel Haskins,	2 00

Freeman D. Harmon,	2 00
Elam R. Haskins,	14 13
Benj. S. Haskins,	10 56
Stephen Hathaway,	20 43
Catherine Harrington,	7 88
Julius C. Haskins,	23 74
Cornelius Harrington,	4 10
Jacob C. Haskins,	2 06
Charles R. Haskins,	2 53
Lydia G. Haskins,	20 34
Wm. W. Haskins,	2 00
Fanny Haskins' Heirs,	9 19
Sarah J. Hoard's Heirs,	9 45
Isaac N. Horton,	5 84
John T. Haskins,	2 00
Wm. W. Hathaway,	2 00
Benj. C. Hallett,	2 00
Charles Hathaway,	2 00
Arthur Jones,	2 53
Giles L. Leach,	42 80
Obediah Lawton,	16 45
Wm. F. Lincoln,	2 00
Simeon W. Luther,	2 79
Benj. Luther,	22 58
Margaret Luther,	9 45
Frank S. Macomber,	5 16
James H. Macomber,	6 73
Enoch Macomber,	11 14
Horace Macomber,	3 58
Frederick Macomber,	2 00
Bradford W. Macomber,	1 05
Gideon H. Myrick,	19 12
John W. Meack,	8 20
Sarah C. Myrick, widow,	21 00
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,	5 52
Ebenezer Macomber,	16 55
George W. Macomber,	36 02
Macomber & Manchester,	16 02
Geo. R. Macomber,	2 00
Pardon H. Manchester,	2 00
James Maguire,	21 98
John F. McDonald,	2 00
Samuel Norcut,	6 73
Geo. A. Norcut,	3 05
Silas Norcut,	12 77
Bernard Norcut,	9 99

Betsey Newhall, widow,	1 32
Francis Newhall,	25 27
Walter D. Nichols,	43 96
John H. Nichols,	2 27
Frank H. Nichols,	2 00
Albert Pitts,	111 88
Thomas Poole,	2 00
Walter H. Phillips,	2 16
Samuel W. Phillips,	6 29
Benj. Paull,	13 34
James F. Phillips,	2 00
Andrew N. Pierce's heirs	7 02
Darius Phillips estate,	17 60
Jeremiah W. Pierce,	95
Samuel S Pierce,	5 73
Shepherd Phillips,	4 89
Alfred Pierce,	14 08
Franklin Phillips,	11 67
Charles F. Phillips,	2 42
F. A. Paull's estate,	23 10
Charles F. Paull,	2 00
James W. Paull,	2 00
Thomas P. Paull,	2 00
Paull Bros.,	27 67
David Pierce's heirs,	4 20
Elkanah Pierce,	50 99
Wm. H. Pierce,	71 41
Wm. H. Pierce, Guar.,	3 15
Joshua Padelford,	2 00
Azariah Petty,	2 00
George Pierce estate,	16 28
Abishai Pittsley,	2 00
John A. Read,	15 65
Asa W. Read,	6 73
John F. Richmond,	13 93
David K. Richmond,	2 16
Mrs. Stephen C. Ramsdell,	53
Apollos B. Read,	2 00
Salmond Richmond heirs,	12 08
Wm. H. Smith,	9 83
Sinai Seekell,	2 10
Thomas P. Staples,	6 30
Daniel D. Strange,	27 47
Noah H Strange,	2 00
George P. Strange,	7 21
Philip A. Strange,	2 00
Maria J. Strange,	2 00

David T. Strange,	21 85
Thomas Strange estate,	38 85
Elam Staples,	7 10
Charles F. Staples,	2 00
Darius Sanford,	7 41
Charles A. Shaw,	7 37
David F. Strange,	3 58
Joseph Staples,	14 30
Isaac Seymour,	26 79
Thomas H. Seekell,	24 63
Alfred R. Street,	2 00
John S. Staples,	24 21
Seth F. Staples,	19 60
Timothy Staples,	20 38
Henry Shove,	9 77
Wm. Simms,	25 37
Wm. G. Simms,	2 00
John Smith,	2 00
Wm. D. Seymour,	2 00
Charles Stokes	2 00
Geo. L. Turcott,	2 00
Leander Terry,	20 39
Jonathan W Thrasher,	31 57
Charles O. Thrasher,	2 00
Charles F. Thrasher,	2 00
Benj. H. Thrasher,	6 73
John H. Thrasher,	10 04
Noah D. Thrasher,	13 41
Edward J. Thomas,	2 00
George E. Thomas,	2 00
John T. Townsend,	15 35
Nath'l G. Townsend,	18 28
Thomas Terry,	10 94
Joseph W. Terry,	2 00
Edward E. Terry,	2 00
Eliphalet Terry,	2 00
Thomas J. Tew's estate,	10 77
Charles H. Thomas,	2 00
Gustavus Tripp,	7 25
Cassius E. Viall,	19 07
Amanda Wilbur,	2 10
George W. Westgate,	12 88
George H. Westgate,	5 95
Eli Wordell,	2 16
James B. Westgate,	16 39
Charles F. Westgate,	2 00
Dean P. Westgate,	18 86

George E. Westgate,	2 00
Elijah Wilbur,	11 19
Bildad Williams,	5 42
George F. Wilbur,	31 41
Charles H. Williams,	2 00
Seth E. Williams,	12 50
Caroline Williams wid.,	4 73
James E. Westgate,	5 42
Andrew Waters,	10 82
John S. Willis,	17 50
James Wade,	24 90
Charles M. Wade,	2 00
Wm. Whitmore heirs,	8 93
Charles S. White,	15 34
Carlos C. Wellman,	2 00
Theodore Wilbur,	3 47
Cong. Society,	6 30

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

Nathan Clark,	\$13.65
John Seekell estate,	7.88
George Seekell,	2.89
James H. Wade,	12.08
William Morse,	9.72
J. Frank Dean,	19.53
Charles F. Johnson,	5.78
Edward P. Macomber,	2.63
David C. Dean,	4.62
James P. Dean,	3.15
Charles W. Padelford,	.32
Alvin T. Pierce,	1.58
Rufus Macomber,	48.52
William Burt,	3.15
Benjamin Burt,	4.20
Samuel B. Chase,	7.35
Anthony & Cushman,	6.83
David W. Dean,	7.88
Jacob Eldridge,	1.05
Israel French,	2.37
George A. Field and others,	15.75
John Godfrey estate,	.53
Nelson Goff,	.53
Enoch Goff,	.79
Staples & Godfrey,	3.68
Sylvia Hathaway,	.79
Enoch Hathaway estate,	.79
George Hart,	.53

John W. Hart,	5.78
Edward O. Hart,	6.83
James E. Hart,	1.84
Lysander Hart,	1.84
Henry B. Macomber,	4.20
Samuel W. Macomber,	6.30
William F. Macomber,	.53
Stephen Pierce,	.27
Oliver A. Pierce,	1.05
William Price,	7.35
Isaac Fish,	4.20
Staples & Phillips,	10.50
David Padelford,	1.84
James Paul,	5.25
Elias Phillips estate,	3.15
Bernard Quigley estate,	2.10
Sinai Williams and others	3.68
Alpheus Sanford's estate,	3.31
John E. Sanford,	2.10
Abraham Shores,	6.99
Lloyd Williams estate,	3.15
George Williams,	8.40
Marshall Williams,	1.58
James Wetherell,	5.78
Francis K. Williams,	27.30
House and lot,	8.93
A. White & Co.,	7.35
A. L. Bliss,	29.30
Jacob Phillips,	3.68
George S. Clark,	.27
Job Hamer,	3.68
Oliver Soper's heirs.	.53
James Gillespie,	1.05
Mary Haskins,	.79
William W. French,	2.10
Elkanah Hathaway,	11.55
Louis Bragg,	4.73
Jason Pittsly,	1.84
Charles D. White,	1.58
Roby Hardman,	1.32
Alexander H. Williams,	.27
Marshall Bragg,	2.63

FREETOWN.

Daniel H. Cudworth,	.21
William H. Cudworth,	.32
Hathaway & Evans,	2.63
Charles E. Hathaway,	2.63
Jonathan Gurney,	.84
Thomas G. Nichols,	2.52
Nichols & Sampson,	4.73
James Winslow,	1.58
Ambrose B Winslow,	.64

Apollos Webster,	20 74
John D Wilson,	2 63
Joseph D Hathaway,	10 24
Mrs John W Pickens,	16 80
Charles H Briggs,	1 32

LAKEVILLE.

Clothier Allen estate,	5 25
John Allen,	64
John F Allen,	5 78
Ebenezer Crane,	12 60
Jireh Winslow estate,	20 37
William Canedy,	1 58
Job Pierce,	27
James Pierce,	2 63
Ethan E Pierce,	2 31
Amelia Paull,	2 10
Enos Pierce,	27
Susan Strowbridge,	4 73
Henry C Pickens,	5 25
Cyrus O Elmes,	5 25
Charles Farmer,	84
Jeremiah Murphy,	4 73
James P Pierce	3 31
Abram Pierce estate,	1 05

NEW BEDFORD.

Daniel K Andros estate,	18 38
Charles D Burt,	53
Caroline Morse,	4 73
Samuel H Whitmore,	14 70
Samuel B Hamlin,	2 32

WESTPORT POINT.

R Macomber and H Brightman,	23 63
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PORTSMOUTH, R. I.

Abbie J Chase,	4 20
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PROVIDENCE, R. I.

William Seekell,	1 05
Jane Renches,	3 15
Frank D Chester,	11 93
Joseph W Puffer,	7 62
Malachi H Haskins,	8 93
Ciarissa Porter,	4 20
George W Crowningshield,	5 78
Calvin T Dean,	4 20
Bathsheba Goff,	2 63

DIGHTON.

Shove & Perry,	7 35
Charles N Simmons,	7 88
Noble S Simmons estate,	6 83
Charles E Whitmarsh,	63

FALL RIVER.

Edmund Chase and others,	12 60
Caroline Dean,	53
William B. Durfee,	73 50

INDIANA.

Jonathan Crane,	1 58
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CAMBRIDGEPORT.

John Crane,	21 53
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ARIZONA.

C. G. W. French,	53
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BRIGHTON, MASS.

Ambrose Hathaway,	5 25
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RAYNHAM.

Enoch Sanford,	2 10
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ENGLAND.

A. J. Roberts,	3 68
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REHOBOTH.

Wm. W. Blanding,	11 55
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BOSTON.

George W. Pierce,	3 15
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JAMAICA PLAIN.

Ellen Anderson.	3 15
B. C. F. & N. B. R. R., New Bedford division,	42 00

VERMONT.

Sumner Thompson,	5 25
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SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of the town of Berkley herewith most respectfully submit their annual report.

The whole number of scholars attending our schools appears to be 158; average membership 118; average attendance 98; over 15 years of age 28; between the ages of 8 and 14, 83. The per cent. of attendance is only 83, which although very small is a slight improvement upon the attendance of last year. The whole number of persons in town on the first day of May last, between the ages of 5 and 15 years was 150; whole number between the ages of 8 and 14 years was 94, as returned to us by the Assessors of the town. Of the 150 returned as above, between the ages of 5 and 15 years, only 132 appear to have attended school. Thus 12 per cent. have not put in an appearance at all. Whose children are they? What circumstances can excuse this great neglect?

There has been (with one exception of a week,) eight and one half months school in all of the school houses in town, a length unprecedented in the history of the town of Berkley. We feel very grateful to

the town for supplying us with the means of thus lengthening the schools.

The school houses are as a whole in far better condition and more suited and better adapted to the needs of both teachers and scholars, than ever since the incorporation of the town in 1735, when there were no school houses in town and but one teacher, "Master Gavin", who taught in different parts of the town at stated times in such buildings as could be secured for the purpose. The school house No. 1, (Common) needs to be newly floored, reseated and changed to conform to the general plan of the new school buildings in town. We would also call the attention of the town to the school building at Myricksville. It will soon need very expensive repairs. Would it not be worth an effort on the part of the town to sell it at some price and build a house more suited to the needs of the school and far more economical to the town?

We feel justified in saying, according to the knowledge which we possess, that there has been no retrogression in the character of our schools as a whole, and in some schools a very marked advancement.

But length of schools, good and attractive school houses, competent and devoted teachers *alone* will not secure the best result. Home influence in the right direction is *indispensible*. Children should go to school charged with the importance, yes, *necessity*, of obedience and industry, of good behavior and of diligence. Then much of the trials and perplexities

of the teacher's life would be turned into joy and enthusiasm. The importance of a loving teacher consists greatly in the training of pupils and teaching the *how* to obtain knowledge. Teach them to *think*, to *reason*, to compare, to comprehend. Then they will be prepared with much or little acquired knowledge to gain more and more during their whole lives. For whatever aids may facilitate the acquirement of what we call education, but little can be accomplished without the earnest efforts of the pupil. Whatever other important factors are supplied, if home influence and personal effort on the part of pupil be wanting, the product can never be highly satisfactory.

In regard to the studies pursued in our schools, without disparaging any study, we would impress upon the teachers the paramount importance of *reading, writing and spelling*. Said a venerable and successful teacher in a school in which the writer was a small boy, "It should be written over the door of your school room, that the reading lesson is the most important lesson." We fully endorse the sentiment. "Understandest thou what thou readest," is as pertinent, as important a question now as eighteen centuries ago. Whoever can read well, whoever is master of emphasis, inflection, pauses, in short whoever can read so as to convey the thoughts, ideas and conceptions of the subject read perfectly to a hearer, possesses a key to a fountain of knowledge almost inexhaustible.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the clergymen of the town for the interest manifested by them in the schools. One of them, himself once a teacher, knows how necessary the "Aarons and Hurs" are to sustain the courage, the enthusiasm of the teacher. In the name of the town we thank them, and express the hope that their efforts and interest in the future will not be abated. It has been said in a former report (some ten years since) that the first two clergymen of the town, who together occupied the pulpit for some three-fourths of a century, exerted a more powerful and beneficial influence in this town out of their pulpits than in them, although both of them were very able exponents of Christianity from their stand-points. Christianity, civilization, intelligence, enlightenment, and humanity, are inseparably connected. We all agree, then, that the proper training and education of our children and youth are of the first importance, not only in regard to the life that *is*, but of the life beyond the bounds of time. Let us, then, endeavor to discharge that duty according to the light which we have within us.

No. of School.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	No. of Term.	Whole No. Scholars	Average Membership.	Average attendance.	Length of Term in Mos.	Teachers' wages per Mo.	Over 15 years of age.	Under 5 years of age.	Bet. 8 and 14 years of age.	Per cent. of attendance teachers.	Amount rec'd by teachers.
1	{ JULIA R. BURT, " " " "	{ 1 2 3	{ 19 21 22	{ 17 20 ³ 21	{ 14 ³ 19 18	{ 21 ¹ 21 ¹ 31 ¹	{ \$28. 28. 32.	{ 1 2 0	{ 0 0 0	{ 11 19 19	{ 86 80 86	{ \$252. 50. 50.
2	{ ANNIE M. BOWERS, ANNIE P. MOORE, ALFRED R. STREET, HANNAH T. TURNER, " "	{ 2 3 2 2 3	{ 23 22 28 14 16	{ 21 21 23 ³ 10 ¹ 14	{ 18 18 18 6 ³ 12 ³	{ 21 ¹ 21 ¹ 31 ¹ 21 ¹ 25 ¹	{ 20. 20. 32. 28. 28.	{ 0 0 0 1 2	{ 0 0 0 0 0	{ 16 14 18 7 9	{ 86 86 86 80 90	{ 50. 50. 112. 70. 70. 112. 50.
3	{ CAROLINE L. HOLLIS, " " LIZZIE D. FRENCH, SOPHIA P. DILLINGHAM, " "	{ 1 2 3 3 1	{ 14 16 17 12 13	{ 14 16 9 13 15	{ 14 ¹ 14 ¹ 6 12 13 ¹	{ 31 ¹ 31 ¹ 25 ¹ 25 ¹ 31 ¹	{ 32. 32. 20. 28. 32.	{ 2 2 0 1 3	{ 1 1 0 0 0	{ 9 9 7 8 10	{ 89 90 66 92 85	{ 112. 50. 112. 112. 112.
4	{ ANNIE B. WILBUR, " " " "	{ 1 2 2	{ 7 7 9	{ 5 6 5 ¹	{ 5 5 ¹ 4 ¹	{ 21 ¹ 25 ¹ 31 ¹	{ 20. 20. 24.	{ 0 0 1	{ 1 1 0	{ 4 4 6	{ 100 92 74	{ 112. 184. 50.
5	{ ANNIE F. CUMMINGS, NANCY J. PHILLIPS, PHILIP C. PORTER, ELIZABETH M. JOHNSON, " "	{ 3 1 2 3 1	{ 21 20 29 24 21	{ 16 ¹ 16 ¹ 20 24 24 ¹	{ 13 13 13 ³ 17 ¹ 21	{ 21 ¹ 25 ¹ 31 ¹ 31 ¹ 25 ¹	{ 20. 24. 20. 32. 28.	{ 1 1 1 4 1	{ 0 0 0 0 1	{ 6 13 13 12 10	{ 86 68 73 86 92	{ 184. 50. 50. 112. 244.
6	{ " " " " " "	{ 2 3 3	{ 31 21 26	{ 27 18 ¹ 18 ¹	{ 25 13 13	{ 21 ¹ 31 ¹ 31 ¹	{ 28. 32. 32.	{ 1 1 1	{ 1 0 0	{ 12 12 12	{ 92 71 71	{ 244. 244. 244.
7	{ Town Grant, Rec'd from State Fund, Dog Tax Fund, Scholars, " " " " " "	{ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	{ \$1450.00 214.88 69.07 5.75 " " " " " "	{ Teachers' wages, Wood and cutting, Building fires, WALTER D. NICHOLS, BENJAMIN F. COOMBS, THOMAS P. PAULL, School Com. of Berkley.	{ \$1588.00 79.00 25.81 25.80 " " " " " "							

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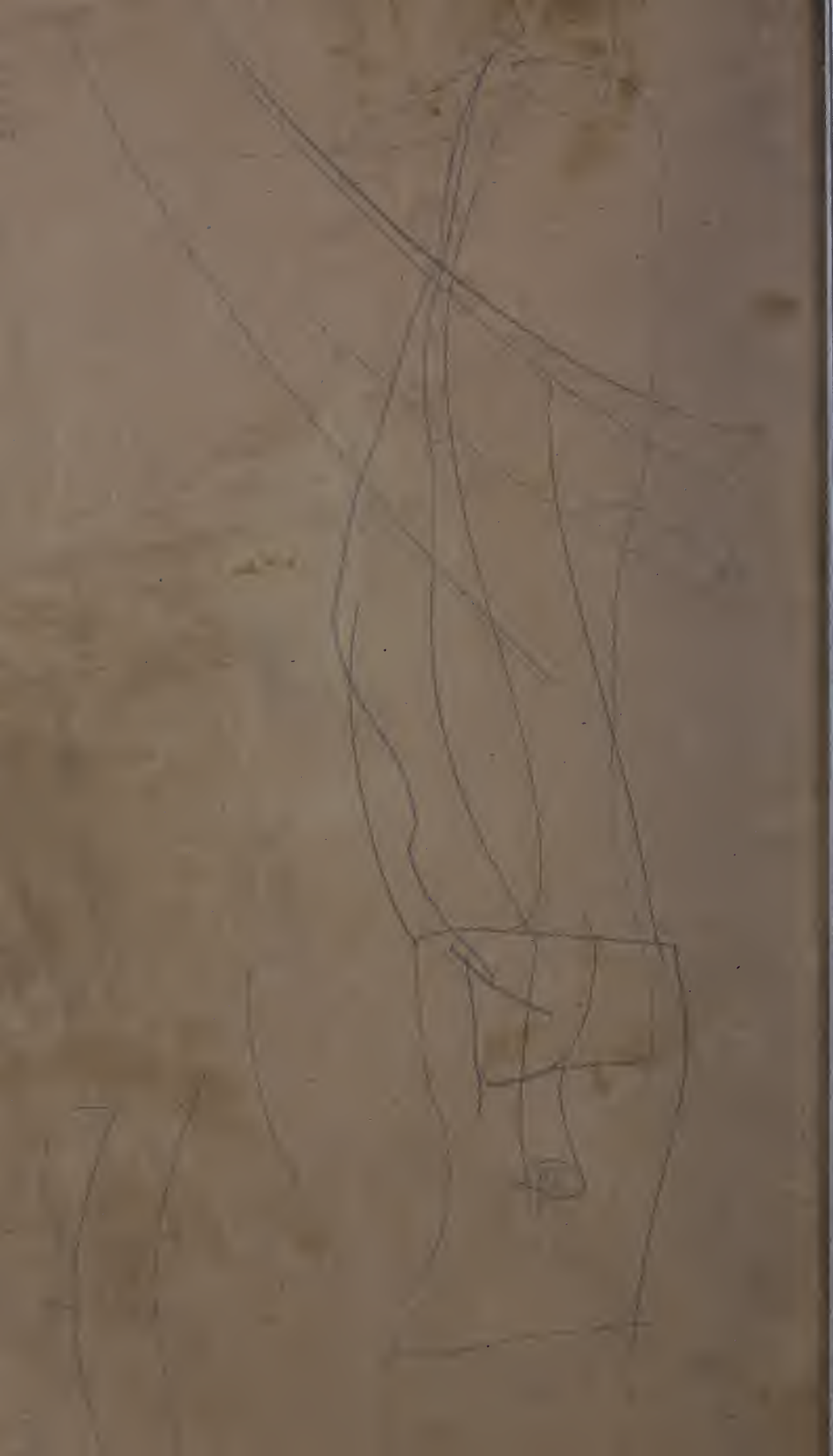
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Mr. J. E. F.

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TREASURER'S REPORT,

For Year Ending Feb. 16, 1891,

TOGETHER WITH A

LIST OF TAXES

FOR 1890-91

OF THE

❧ Town ❧ of ❧ Berkley. ❧

TAUNTON, MASS.:

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1891.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Berkley:—The undersigned, School Committee of Berkley, herewith submit their Annual Report of Schools for the year ending March 2, 1891 :

COMMITTEE WORK.

Your committee organized on March 20, 1890, by the selection of James Darius Dillingham as Chairman, and Calvin T. Crane as Secretary. The care of school property was apportioned as follows :—To J. D. Dillingham, the District Nos. 4, 6 and 7 schools ; to C. T. Crane, the District Nos. 1 and 2 schools ; and to R. H. Babbitt, the District Nos. 3 and 5 schools. Wm. H. Crane, Chas. Corey and Chas. F. Paull, were appointed Truant officers, and their reports are appended hereto. At a subsequent meeting William G. Simons was appointed School house Agent in District No. 7, to have the care and letting of Academy Hall, etc. Teacher's certificates have been properly issued ; labels regulating the use of school property have been printed and pasted in all the books. The introduction of report cards into our schools has greatly improved their efficiency and raised in a marked degree the standard of scholarship. Printed instructions carefully prepared for use of our teachers have very considerably diminished the expense of immediate supervision. The more careful use of school property by pupils has been repeatedly emphasized, resulting in a marked decrease in the number and nature of injuries to school furniture. In the selection of teachers every reasonable effort has been made by your committee to secure the services of efficient and successful teachers, but there are always people ready to recommend "so-called " teachers to an unsuspecting school board. All the schools have been properly visited, and Chairman Dillingham has several times visited all the schools to carefully inspect their workings and advise with

the several teachers as to the best methods of instruction. Called to a more extensive field of labor, he has been obliged to resign, and a copy of his resignation may be found appended hereto. The study of manners has also been introduced into all our schools.

OUR TEACHERS.

During the past year Berkley has lost in Miss Sarah Crane, a teacher of over forty consecutive years of successful experience in the school room. In District No. 1 Miss Julia R. Burt has been doing superior school work; Miss M. T. Virgin has accomplished very successful results in District No. 4. In general it may be said there has been much to praise and little to criticise in the work of our teachers of the current year.

OUR SCHOOLS.

The schools of Berkley are equal, if not superior, to those of the neighboring towns. Our three terms of school have amounted to thirty-three weeks. Behind the closed doors of the school room the teacher is doing a work of the most far-reaching consequences as to the pupil's future success, and the welfare of society. It is therefore our duty, as parents and public-spirited citizens, to zealously promote all school interests by giving our fullest sympathy and encouragement to the teachers and school board in the grand work of education, and also by frequent visitations of our schools for the purpose of *seeing* with our own eyes and *hearing* with our own ears the actual work of the school room.

OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Our school buildings are in a fair condition, but several must be repainted soon. District No. 4's out-building should be remodelled. Our school buildings ought to be insured. A careful examination of Town

Records failed to show any vote of the town as to "shade trees" or any appropriation therefor, and so your committee were legally stopped from further action on the matter. Few towns of our population and resources in Massachusetts can boast of more convenient school buildings, or more modern furniture.

EDUCATION OF TO-DAY.

The teacher must not convert the pupil into a walking encyclopedia: for education is not measured by pages, nor confined to books. All the forces surrounding us from infancy up are educating us: some for good, and some for evil. The more attractive the agencies, the more satisfactory will be the results. Education, to-day, aims at the practical, and seeks to fit the pupil for the practical walks of life. More school-apparatus and books of reference are demanded, as well as more scientific teaching. The days of "keeping school" are over. Teaching now is elevated to a profession, equal in dignity to that of law, medicine and theology. Let us as citizens put forth every effort to make our schools successful. Let us, as parents, encourage perfect sympathy between teacher and child, and stimulate our children to make the most of their golden opportunities for mental development. If our children lay the foundations of their mental structures firm and broad their success in life is guaranteed, for genuine education is only another name for opportunity.

THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS.

Country schools are very apt to suffer from the indifferent instruction of persons deficient in education and experience. Our best educated and most experienced teachers are attracted by higher salaries, and hence our schools yearly become training schools for city schools, and our teachers leave us just when they are best quali-

fied to do most satisfactory work. The census of 1890 shows a marked decrease in Berkley's population and wealth, and should the next ten years witness the same decrease, then the future of our schools becomes a vital question to the tax-payer. One of the essential elements entering into a town's prosperity is a good school; hence the improvement of our schools is now an all-important problem.

I. SHORTER TERMS AND HIGHER WAGES.

It is possible to pay higher wages to our teachers, and shorten the length of the terms. Such a course would not diminish the number of our schools; nor would it insure better teachers and schools.

Only the experienced superintendent, in these days of cheap diplomas and wholesale recommendation, can secure the professional teachers who will build up our schools.

II. CONSOLIDATION AND GRADATION.

Our schools could be consolidated by vote of the town, and then graded, involving a special appropriation for the conveyance of children. Geographically considered, our school houses can not be located so as to make this plan feasible. The closing up of several of our school houses, and the disposition of the same would also foster local strife, harmful to the best interests of the town. Still Berkley needs fewer schools, and those graded.

III. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A superintendent of sound education, and professional experience would greatly improve our schools. Better teachers would be secured; more modern methods of teaching introduced. Under his direct and watchful supervision the teachers would do more earnest, thorough and practical work and their mistakes would be corrected,

and their methods improved. Now our schools have a committee of three, but then one man would be accountable, and responsibility could be readily fixed.

Chapter 431, of Legislative Acts of 1888, provides that two or more towns, each having a value under \$2,500,000, and together containing not less than thirty and not more than fifty schools, may unite and employ a superintendent of schools, to be annually chosen by the school committee of the union district assembled in joint convention, and that they "shall determine the amount of service to be performed by him" in each town, and apportion the amount to be paid by each town to him for services.

If the several towns will unitedly pay to the superintendent of schools \$750, the state will pay \$1000, one-half of which goes towards his salary, and the other half to be distributed according to average attendance among the several towns for payment of their teachers. If unsatisfactory this arrangement may be discontinued at end of year. District superintendency of schools has already received the hearty approval of educators and teachers, and the stamp of popular favor. The services of a superintendent of schools, one day each week in Berkley, would be well worth the additional expenditure of \$50 to \$75 which would be required to comply with the provisions of this act. Without making any formal recommendations, we leave the matter in your hands, confident of the wisdom of your decision.

CONCLUSION.

Every cent spent on our public schools is well spent. Long after we have passed away our children will gratefully remember our services in their behalf. If we leave a good education to our children we have furnished them

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with a valuable opportunity for self-advancement, and if they fail to use it, not we, but they are at fault. As in the past, may our schools of the future be an ornament to our town.

JAMES DARIUS DILLINGHAM,
CALVIN T. CRANE,
ROLLIN H. BABBITT.

Berkley, Feb. 11, 1891.

TOWN WARRANT.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING, MARCH 9TH, 1891.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To hear the report of any Town Officers or Committees.
3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including one School Committee for two years and one for three years, and such other additional School Committees as it may be thought best.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and determine in what way and how it shall be appropriated.
5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year.
6. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his service the ensuing year.
7. To take action on the Juror List reported by the Selectmen.
8. To see if the Town will vote any money to be expended on Memorial Day.
9. To see what action the Town will take concerning building a road from Stephen Hathaway's corner to the land of John O. Babbitt, agreeable to petition of said Babbitt and ten others.
10. To see if the Town will reconsider its acceptance of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, agreeable to the petition of J. W. Thrasher and thirteen others.
11. To see if the Town will vote the funds for a new out-building in District No. 4, and appoint a Building Committee therefor.
12. To see what action the Town will take as to the partition fence between the Myrick School premises and the property of Clothier Haskins.
13. To see if the Town will accept the provision of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools and appropriate money therefor.
14. To bring in their votes, Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall Licenses be granted in this Town for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."
15. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes for the present year.
16. To see if the Town will vote the money and authorize the repairs of the buildings at the Town Farm.
17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Treasurer's

FOR THE YEAR, FROM FEB. 15,

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1890,	\$1,702
Covel Case,	81 53
C. T. Crane,	1 00
Children attending Myricks School,	27 75
Use of Town Hall, May, 1889,	2 00
“ “ “ Nov. 1890,	2 00
National Bank Tax 1889,	96 60
Town of Dighton for B. & Dighton Bridge,	14 51
Oyster Note,	1,525 00
Two Fish Notes,	100 00
Hired from Machinist National Bank,	800 00
C. E. Phillips for Sally Cummings,	12 00
D. B. Gurney, “ “	18 00
Corporation Tax for 1890,	325 83
National Bank Tax, “	848 06
State Aid, Chap. 279, Acts, 1889,	97 00
“ “ “ 301, “ “	190 50
Fines from District Court,	10 00
Dog Fund for 1890,	107 34
State School Fund 1890,	309 63
State, County and Town Tax 1890,	3,801 18
Uncollected Taxes of 1889,	103 57
Abbie Hinds, attending Myricks School,	5 75
Town of Dighton, balance due on Repairs of Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	21 35
	<hr/> \$10,203 39

	\$ 36 66
in Feb 15	
	5 50
n Feb. 15 to	
	9 50
2 days, 1889,	6 75
Committee from Oct.	
1890,	15 50
Assessor 2 days, 1890,	5 00
Auditor for 1889,	9 40
ee, copying and serving war-	
	1 50
Wnsend, Assessor, 8 days, 1890,	17 50
ach, Assessor, 16 days, 1890,	40 00
each, Stationery and Postage,	1 00
C. Haskins, Assessor, May 1 to	
Sept. 1, 1890,	12 00
J. Paull, Selectman from Feb. 15 to	
March 10, 1890,	6 90
H. Strange, Assessor, 13 days, 1890,	32 50
H. Strange, Collector and Treasurer,	
1890,	100 00
F. H. Seekell, Constable, serving dog war-	
rants 1890,	5 00
H. A. Dean, Assessor, 6 days, 1890,	9 00
R. H. Babbitt. School Committee, 1890,	20 25
Hercules Dean, Town Clerk and Selectman	
from March to October, 1890,	25 00
C. T. Crane, School Committee from March	
13, 1890 to Jan. 31, 1891,	29 25
H. A. Dean, Selectman from March 18,	
1890 to Feb. 14, 1891,	29 75
P. C. Porter, Auditor, from Nov. 1890 to	
Feb. 1891,	6 00
Wm. Babbitt, Auditor, 1890, 8 months,	8 00

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Thomas Seekell, boarding windows School House No. 6,	75
J. T. Horton, tending draw from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1891,	18 00
J. A. McDonald, repairing road scraper,	2 55
C. H. Buffington, Printing List of Voters,	7 75
N. G. Case, material and labor,	7 38
N. H. Strange, making Census Statistics, 10 years back,	2 00
N. H. Strange, Collector's book,	1 00
City of Taunton, 1-2 cost boundary stones, and carting same; bounds between Taunton and Berkley,	24 00
Staples Coal Co., 500 lbs. coal, Town Hall,	1 50
Alfred Hodges, City Marshal, Taunton,	25
One-third expense setting boundary stones between Freetown, Lakeville and Berkley, paid to Freetown,	1 67
C. T. Crane, ballot clerk, State Election, 1890,	1 50
Charles Corey, Deputy Sheriff on account of James Gellespie,	6 70
Charles Corey, Deputy Sheriff,	6 10
C. T. Crane, money paid out,	7 39
Wm. Babbitt, " " "	6 17
Arthur Cushman, music for Memorial Day, '90,	2 75
R. H. Babbitt, flags for Memorial Day, 1890,	1 00
Sinkage on Taxes, 1889-90,	30 43
Discount on Taxes, 1890,	364 61
	<hr/> \$2,874 97

BERKLEY AND DIGHTON BRIDGE.

T. T. Burt, 1-2 day labor on bridge,	1 50
G. E. Boyce, 1-2 day labor on bridge,	1 50
C. P. French, 1-2 day labor on bridge,	1 50
Charles O. Trasher, labor, 163 1-2 hours, at 17 1-2,	28 61

Charles O. Thrasher, use of boat on bridge,	4 00	
Willard H. Hathaway, labor, 165 hours at		
17 1-2	28 87	
Williard H. Hathaway, horse drawing lum-		
ber and going to Taunton,	3 50	
T. T. Burt, labor on bridge,	3 00	
G. E. Boyce, labor on bridge,	3 00	
C. O. Thrasher, labor on bridge, 87 1-2		
hours at 17 1-2,	15 31	
C. O. Thrasher, labor on bridge,	1 40	
C. O. Thrasher, use of boat, 20 days at		
25,	5 00	
Willard H. Hathaway, labor, 67 1-2 hours		
at 17 1-2,	11 81	
C. T. Crane, labor on bridge, 10 hours,	2 00	
T. A. Briggs, labor on bridge, 10 hours,	3 00	
Henry Hathaway, labor on bridge, 577		
hours at 30,	173 10	
Henry Hathaway, labor on bridge,	7 50	
Henry Hathaway; material and car fare for		
bridge,	84 20	
G. H. Babbitt, labor on bridge,	3 50	
W. H. S. Crane, labor and material for		
bridge,	18 81	
Peter L. Chase, services as agent on bridge,	27 15	
Charles H. Dean, band for bridge,	20 00	
		\$448 26

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

As our fiscal year is nearly to a close, we present you with the annual report in regard to the expenditures during the past year :

Amount expended on Highways and Bridges, with the	
exception of Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	\$1,423 19
Expended Section No. 1,	466 16
" " " 2,	475 37
" " " 3,	481 66

Repairs on Road Scraper,	13 75
Expended on B. and D. Bridge,	1,423 03
Amount paid by Dighton,	974 77
“ “ “ Berkley,	448 26
Leaving balance due from Dighton of	21 35

We find thirty-three (33) corners in town with guide boards in good repair. We also find nine (9) corners without guide boards.

On the 29th of March, 1890, J. T. Horton was employed as draw tender at a salary of \$240 per year, the same as last year.

GEO. E. BOYCE,	} Road Com.
THOMAS T. BURT,	
C. P. FRENCH,	
	} of
	} Berkley.

STATE AID.

M. M. Wellman,	12 mos. at \$4.00,	\$48 00	
Angeline Williams,	“ “ 4.00,	48 00	
Mary E. Smith,	“ “ 4.00,	48 00	
Reuben Chace,	“ “ 4.00,	48 00	
John A. Read,	3 “ 1.50,	4 50	
		<hr/>	\$196 50

MILITARY AID.

John A. Read,	9 mos. at \$6.00,	\$54 00	
Benj. F. Dean,	12 “ 6.00,	72 00	
Samuel W. Phillips,	11 “ 10.00,	110 00	
Charles F. Staples,	2 “ 8.00,		
	10 mos. at \$10.00,	116 00	
John Boyce,	1 mos. at 6.00,	6 00	
		<hr/>	\$358 00

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Sally Cummings, from Dec. 29, 1889, to	
Feb. 22, 1890, 7 5-7 weeks, at \$1,	\$7 71
Sarah Rounds, board of Sally Cummings,	
6 weeks, at \$1,	6 00

Sarah Rounds, board of Sally Cummings, 2 weeks at \$1 50,	3 00
Coal,	50
Nancy Nichols, board of Sally Cummings from April 21 to June 30, 10 weeks, at \$1,	10 00
Mrs. Nichols, board of Sally Cummings from July 1 to Oct. 14,	15 00
Paid Sally Cummings month of November,	10 85
Mrs. Nichols, board of Sally Cummings,	16 00
Paid Sally Cummings, month of December,	10 00
Paid Sally Cummings from Dec. 28, 1890, to Feb. 1, 1891,	11 00
T. M. Wilbur, board of Darius Sanford from Jan. 20 to April 17, 1890, 11 weeks, at \$1,	11 00
Louis Greene, board of Darius Sanford from April 17 to May 14,	5 00
A. L. Hathaway, care of D. Sanford 30 days,	60 00
Willard Hathaway, digging D. Sanford's grave,	3 00
H. T. Washburn, funeral expenses of D. Sanford,	27 50
Rebecca Terry, washing for D. Sanford,	1 50
Dr. H. H. Sproat, 12 visits to D. Sanford,	18 00
Dr. H. H. Sproat, attendance on Hiram At- wood,	75
David H. Richmond, care of Samuel W. Phillips from March 4 to March 18, 1890,	4 00
E. L. Smith, care of S. W. Phillips, 17 days at \$1 50,	25 50
John A. Reed, 1 cord of wood for S. W. Phillips,	3 75
Walter N. Dunbar, 1 pair of slippers for S. W. Phillips,	75
Colby Clothing House, clothing for S. W. Phillips,	10 27

J. D. Angel, care of S. W. Phillips, 1 day and 1 night,	2 00	
Amasa Bowen, care of S. W. Phillips, 9 days and 9 nights,	17 00	
Staples Coal Co., coal for S. W. Phillips,	6 25	
Lucinda B. Briggs, board of Abbie Cum- mings from July 29 to Dec. 30, 1889, 22 weeks at 50c.,	11 00	
L. B. Briggs, board of Abbie J. Cummings from Dec. 30 to Aug. 13, 1890, 32 weeks at 50c.,	16 00	
Children's Hospital, board of Lena D. Terry from Dec. 9, 1889 to March 10, 1890, at \$4 per week,	52 00	
Children's Hospital, board of Lena Terry from March 10 to June 2, 1890, at \$4 per week,	48 00	
Back-brace and crutches,	16 00	
Taunton Hospital, for Fred French, board and clothing from Jan. 1, 1890 to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 46	
Staples Coal Co., coal for Mrs. Wellman,	37 75	
E. L. Strange for C. F. Staples, board, clothing and medicine,	26 50	
Sarah Macomber, paid \$1 per week from April 23, 1890, to Jan. 21, 1891,	39 00	
Town of Norton, for Charles Norcutt's family,	38 00	
Clinton Sproat, ointment for Hathaway children,	2 25	
N. G. T. Bowen, board for Francis Briggs, from May 10 to July 2, 1890,	11 25	
Paid to Simmons family from Jan. 15, 1890, to May 15, 1890,	40 00	
C. T. Crane, Fuller's Earth for John West. gate,	50	
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EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

G. H. Babbitt, 1-2 cord hard wood, Dist.

No. 4, \$1 88

Roy Wellman, building fires, School House

No. 1, winter term, 1889-90, 3 75

TEACHERS WINTER TERM—1889-90

Julia R. Burt, No. 1, 15 weeks at \$8, 120 00

Mary O'Connell, No. 3, 15 weeks at \$7, 105 00

Annie Bowers, No. 4, 15 weeks at \$7, 105 00

Lizzie A. Cook, No. 5, 15 weeks at \$6, 90 00

Sarah Crane, No. 6, 15 weeks at \$7.50, 112 50

Mary Waitt, No. 7, 15 weeks at \$8, 120 00

C. O. Abell, No. 2, 15 weeks at \$8, 120 00

Hercules Dean, 1-2 cord fine wood, No. 2, 1 75

Dora Thrasher, building fires, No. 6, Winter term, 1889, 8 weeks, 2 00

B. F. Dean, sawing and splitting 13 feet of wood, 2 44

Charles D. Babbitt, building fires, No. 3, winter term, 1889-90, 3 75

Albert W. Strange, building fires, No. 5, winter term, 1889-90, 5 00

Telegram to Miss Ella Huntingdon, Bayfield, 1 17

J. Q. Dillingham, 4 1-2 feet of wood, No. 4, 2 00

Willie A. Burt, sawing 5 feet of wood, No. 6, 63

Ralph Anthony, care School House, building fires No. 7, 1889-90, 5 25

Glenwood Furnishing Co, 6 chairs, 6 15

Samuel Fiske, labels and cards, 4 25

N. H. Strange, 1 cord hard wood, No. 2, 1889-90, 3 75

Enoch Boyce, sawing 1-2 cord wood, No. 4, 73

Calvin Belcher, utensils, School No. 4, 65

Chester Grinnell, cutting and splitting 3 cords of wood at \$1.50, 4 50

Chester Grinnell, building fires No. 4, 19 weeks,	4 75
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TEACHERS, SPRING TERM, 1890.

Julia R. Burt, No. 1, 10 weeks at \$8,	\$80 00
Mary Waitt, No. 2, 10 weeks at \$8,	80 00
Mary O'Connell, No. 3, 10 weeks at \$7 50,	75 00
Mattie Coffin, No. 4, 8 weeks at \$7,	56 00
Lizzie A. Cook, No. 5, 10 weeks at \$6,	60 00
Sarah Crane, No. 6, 4 weeks at \$7 50,	30 00
Alton Reed, No. 6, 6 weeks at \$7,	42 00
Ella Hungtingdon, No. 7, 10 weeks at \$8 50,	85 00
Hercules Dean, 6 feet of pine wood to No. 6,	2 63
Ralph Anthony, care of school house and building fires, No. 7,	3 50
Ralph Anthony, five ventilators,	1 00
Roy Wellman, building fires 8 weeks, No. 1,	2 00
E. G. Strange, building fires 8 weeks, No. 5,	2 00
Willie Wardell, building fires 10 weeks, No. 6,	2 50
Irving B. Anderson, building fires 8 weeks, No. 4,	2 00
R. H. Babbitt, 1 broom, No. 3,	25
Giles L. Leach, 1-2 cord wood to No. 3,	2 00
Giles L. Leach, 2 cord wood to No. 2,	8 00
S. E. Fiske, 200 blanks, instructions to teachers,	3 50
G. H. Babbitt, 2 cords wood to No. 5,	6 50
J. F. Richmond, 2 cords wood to No. 1,	6 70
Hercules Dean, 4 cords wood to Nos. 2, 3 and 4,	15 00
Willie A. Burt, sawing and splitting 6 feet wood,	1 50
Paul Bros., 5 cords wood to Nos. 6 and 7,	18 25

B. F. Dean, sawing and splitting 3 cords wood to No. 3,	4 50
B. F. Dean, sawing and splitting 2 1-2 cords wood to No. 2,	3 75
Paull Bros., 5 feet wood,	2 17
Benj. A. White, sawing and splitting 2 cords wood,	3 00
N. G. Townsend, 1 cord pine wood (1-2 each) Nos. 1 and 5,	3 46
W. W. Davis, sawing and housing 3 1-2 cords wood,	4 00
C. D. Babbitt, building fires in No. 3, 8 weeks,	2 00
C. D. Babbitt, cutting 1-2 cord wood,	75
Willie Burt, sawing and housing 3 1-2 cords wood to No. 1,	4 00

TEACHERS, FALL TERM, 1890.

Julia R. Burt, No. 1, 12 weeks at \$8,	\$96 00
Alida B. Goucher, No. 2, 12 weeks at \$7 50,	90 00
Lute M. Hanscomb, No. 3, 12 weeks at \$7 50,	90 00
M. T. Virgin, No. 4, 13 weeks at \$8,	104 00
Lizzie A. Cook, No. 5, 12 weeks, at \$6,	72 00
Alton Reed, No. 6, 12 weeks, at \$7,	84 00
Nellie M. Fewks, No. 7, 12 weeks, at \$8 50,	102 00
Cliffie Macomber, building fires, No. 2, 22 weeks,	5 50
Willie H. Wardwell, building fires, No. 6, 8 weeks,	2 00
Zebedee Terry, sawing and splitting 2 1-2 cords wood, No. 5,	3 75
Percy Haskins, building fires, No. 7, 8 weeks,	2 00
Percy Haskins, sweeping school room, No. 7, 12 weeks,	1 20

Thomas Seekell, cleaning stove pipe to No. 6,	50	
Roy Wellman, building fires, No. 1, 3 weeks,	75	
C. H. Buffington, school cards,	5	85
I. B. Briggs, stove pipe for No. 7,	10	37
Enoch B. Boyce, sawing and splitting 2 1-2 cords wood,	3	75
Paull Bros., 4 feet 8 inches wood, No. 7,	2	05
C. T. Crane, 2 feet pine wood, No. 2,	1	00
Roy Wellman, building fires at No. 1, win- ter term, 1890-91,	2	75
C. D. Babbitt, building fires at No. 3, win- ter term, 1890-91,	2	75
Julia R. Burt, teacher, No. 1, winter term, 1890-91, 11 weeks, at \$8,	88	00
Nellie Kinsman, winter term, 1890-91, No. 2, 10 weeks, \$7 50,	75	00
Alida Goucher, winter term, 1890-91, No. 2, 1 week, \$8,	8	00
Lute M. Hanscom, winter term, 1890-91, No. 3, 11 weeks, \$7 50,	82	50
M. T. Virgin, winter term, 1890-91, No. 4, 11 weeks, \$8 50,	93	50
Lizzie A. Cook, winter term, 1890-91, No. 5, 11 weeks, \$6,	66	00
Alton E. Reed, winter term, 1890-91, No. 6, 11 weeks, \$7,	77	00
Nellie M. Fewkes, winter term, 1890-91, No. 7, 11 weeks, \$8 50,	93	50
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EXPENDED FOR BOOKS.

George King & Merrill,	\$16 05
Harper Bros.,	19 68
A. C. Stockin,	5 40
Boston School Supply,	19 20
Lee & Shepard,	18 00

H. A. Dickerman, books and supplies,	16 81
Lee & Shepard,	1 75
J. B. Lippencott,	5 30
Wm. Ware & Co.,	3 50
Boston School Supply,	3 00
“ “ “	6 25
H. A. Dickerman,	8 15

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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, EXCEPT BERKLEY AND DIGHTON BRIDGE.

Arthur J. Bennett, labor and gravel in 1889,	\$1 77
T. T. Burt, labor 787 1-2 hours at 15c	\$118 12
“ “ gravel, 20 loads at 3c.	60
“ “ 25 lbs. spikes at 5c.	1 25
Alfred Boardman, labor, 118 hours at 15c.	17 70
“ “ gravel, 181 loads at 3c.	5 43
Caleb Briggs, labor, 83 hours at 15c.	12 45
Alvin Briggs, “ 115 “ “	17 25
Wm. Boyce, “ 75 “ “	11 25
Selden Bowen, “ 80 “ “	12 00
N. G. T. Bowen, “ 93 “ “	14 70
Charles Corey, “ 67 “ “	10 05
Stephen Corey, “ 15 “ “	2 25
Erven Chace, gravel, 163 loads at 3c.	4 89
Wm. Clark, labor, 80 1-2 hours at 15c.	12 07
H. A. Dean, “ 30 “ “	4 50
“ 26 Chestnut posts at 12c.	3 12
“ 14 “ “ 20c.	2 80
Miles Dean, labor, 105 hours at 15c.	15 75
Timothy E. French, 35 “ “	5 25
Isaac E. French, 60 “ “	9 00
James Gillespie, 15 “ “	2 25
James Macomber, 20 “ “	3 00
“ “ gravel, 36 loads. at 3c,	1 08
Horace Macomber, labor 20 hours at 15c.	3 00

Horace Macomber, gravel, 5 loads at	3c.	15	
George A. Norcutt, labor, 86 hours at	15c.	12	90
Samuel C. Norcutt, " 102 "	"	15	30
Shepard Phillips, " 2 1-2 "	"	37	
George Westgate, " 10 "	"	1	50
Henry Westgate, " 50 "	"	6	00
A. H. Allen, " 2 "	"	30	
Sumner Briggs, " 20 "	"	3	00
Job D. Briggs, " 67 "	"	10	05
Stephen A. Burt, " 50 "	"	7	50
Charles W. Cook, " 90 "	"	13	50
Joseph Cummings, labor, 99 hours at	15c.	14	85
Hercules Dean, Gravel, 78 loads at	3c.	2	34
Charles French, labor, 28 hours at	15c.	4	20
Henry Hathaway, " 10 "	"	1	50
G. A. Hammond, " 35 "	"	5	25
Giles L. Leach, " 81 "	"	12	15
John A. Read, " 20 "	"	3	00
George B. Westgate, " 80 "	"	12	00
Samuel C. Norcutt, gravel, 30 loads at	3c.	90	
James Clark, labor, 47 hours at	15c.	7	05
Edwin H. Allen, " 60 "	"	9	00
Edwin Smith, " 43 1-2 "	"	6	52
Chester Briggs, " 31 1-2 "	"	4	72
Vernon L. Dean, " 16 "	"	2	40
Maria Macomber, " 4 "	"	60	
Frederic Macomber, " 37 1-2 "	"	5	62
Frederic Williams, " 39 1-2 "	"	5	92
Amasa Bowen, " 51 "	"	7	65
Expended by T. T. Burt, Sec. No. 1,		\$466 00	
George E. Boyce, gravel, 184 loads at	3c.	5	52
Martin Alden, " 139 "	"	4	17
C. D. Babbitt, " 90 "	"	2	70
George H. Bowers, " 50 "	"	1	50
George E. Boyce, labor,		135	77
Enoch Boyce, " "		13	50
Jethro Ashley, " "		18	80

Peter L. Chase,	"	55 60
Charles E. Chase,	"	22 95
Thomas H. Chase,	"	1 50
George E. Boyce, Jr.,	"	7 50
Calvin Belcher,	"	21 50
W. H. S. Crane,	"	5 90
Edwin Belcher,	"	3 00
D. Benj. Phillips,	"	7 20
Stephen Hathaway,	"	6 25
Gideon Myrick,	"	3 00
C. O. Thrasher,	"	12 00
Moses Bergeron,	"	9 00
Irving Anderson,	"	3 00
S. M. Nichols,	"	1 50
John Grinnell,	"	18 00
Wm. H. Belcher,	"	3 75
Cyrus Hathaway,	"	8 25
J. W. Thrasher,	"	8 00
Walter Strange,	"	4 20
Alfred Pierce,	"	3 00
Adelbert Briggs,	"	3 00
Albert Strange,	"	8 25
James Westgate,	"	3 75
T. T. Burt,	"	9 00
J. F. Richmond,	"	4 20
George Eddy,	"	3 00
D. K. Richmond,	"	1 50
Hiram B. Chase,	"	2 03
Elisha Belcher,	"	6 00
John Q. Dillingham,	"	11 83
James D. Dillingham,	"	17 25
Fred Bergeron,	"	2 00
Wm. Brunswick,	"	4 50
John Boyce,	"	4 50
Frederick Williams,	"	1 50
Frederick Macomber,	"	3 00
Expended by George E. Boyce, Sec. No. 2,	—	\$47 ² 37

C. P. French, labor	113	79
Eli H. Wardell, "	23	85
C. P. French, labor, horse	7	20
B. Emery Townsend, labor	21	90
Wm. Caswell, "	9	90
N. G. Townsend, "	18	90
Franklin Phillips, "	3	15
" " gravel, 82 loads at 3c.	2	46
Charles F. Phillips, labor	5	25
Elam Staples, "	8	10
Edmund C. Phillips, "	3	00
Wm. Smith, "	6	00
Wm. Cole, "	5	10
Arthur White, "		75
Israel Chace, "	5	85
John A. Crowningshield	6	00
George A. Harmon, "	6	75
Isaac Ellis, "	3	00
Edward Macomber, gravel, 96 loads at 3c.	2	88
Joseph Staples, gravel, 199 loads at 3c.	5	97
George W. Macomber, labor	26	60
Malachi, Haskins, "	14	40
Elam R. Haskins, "	22	20
Jason Pittsley, "	6	60
Charles S. White, "	8	25
John Meack, "	14	10
Charles M. Wade, "	12	45
John Cushing, "	8	00
Julius C. Haskins, "	20	25
George S. Clark, "	6	00
Elkanah Pierce, gravel, 82 loads at 3c.	2	46
James Hart, " 29 " "		87
Staples Bros., labor	8	00
Leander Terry, "	6	00
John H. Thrasher, labor	14	40
John H. Crowningshield, labor	12	30
Reuben Chase, "	7	65

Thomas H. Seekell,	"	5 77	
Dean P. Westgate,	"	1 80	
B. H. Thrasher,	"	1 86	
Isaac Seymour,	"	7 50	
Louis P. Fletcher,	"	3 00	
" " " gravel, 31 loads at 3c.		93	
John T. Haskins, labor		3 00	
Charles F. Paull, "		7 50	
Expended by C. P. French, Sec. No. 3			\$481 69

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,		\$10,203. 39
Town Officers,	\$525 21	
Miscellaneous Bills,	2,874 97	
Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	448 26	
State Aid,	196 50	
Military Aid,	358 00	
Poor out of Almshouse,	794 04	
Schools,	2,705 58	
Books,	123 09	
Highways and Bridges, except Berkley and Dighton bridge,	1,421 83	
Cash in Treasury,	653 94	
Uncollected Taxes of 1890,	101 97	
	—————	\$10,203 39

The undersigned being appointed and duly sworn as auditor of the Town of Berkley for the current year, submits the following Report :

The Treasurer has exhibited vouchers in the form of orders or receipts, for all money expended by him.

He has given the Town credit for cash from
all sources, \$10,203 39

He has charged the Town with money paid
out the current year, \$9,447.48
Cash on hand in Treasury, 653 94
Uncollected Taxes, 101 97

—————
\$10,203 39

The Treasurer has also in his hands five
 Oyster Notes, payable yearly of
 \$1,525 each, amounting to 7,625 00
 And two Fish Notes of \$50, and \$53 respec-
 tively, amounting to 103 00
 Berkley, Feb. 16, 1891.

PHILLIP C. PORTER,
 Auditor, Town of Berkley.

A true Copy—Attest.

NOAH H. STRANGE,
 Treasurer,

TABLE OF AGGREGATES ON PROPERTY ASSESSED.

Number of persons assessed in Town of Berkley, May 1, 1890,	473
Number of Polls assessed May 1, 1890	244
Tax on each Poll, \$2.00	
Value of Personal Estate assessed May 1, 1890	\$58,732 00
Value of Real Estate assessed May 1, 1890	308,355 00
Rate of tax per thousand, \$9.00	
Number of Horses assessed May 1, 1890	236
" Cows " " " "	373
" Sheep " " " "	48
" Neat cattle other than cows assessed May 1, 1890	112
Number of Swine assessed May 1, 1890	65
" Dwelling-houses assessed May 1, 1890	238
Number of Acres of Land assessed May 1, 1890	9,789

List of Taxes.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16TH, 1891.

	Poll.	Personal.	Real.	Total.
Stephen B. Allen, Est.,		2 12	25 75	23 18
Amos H. Allen,	2			2 00
Edwin H. Allen,	2			2 00
Albert W. Allen,	2	2 88	16 52	21 40
Jethro Ashley,	2	86	10 04	12 90
Martin Alden,	2	1 13	9 40	12 54
Agustus Adams,	2			2 00
James C. Angell,	2			2 00
Benjamin Anthony,	2	27	8 37	10 64
Orrin H. Atwood,	2	54	9 45	11 99
Thomas Burts's Heirs,			11 70	11 70
Caroline Burt, Widow,			1 58	1 58
Stephen A. Burt,	2	65	8 37	11 02
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	1 13	13 55	16 68
Andrew J. Briggs,	2		1 26	3 26
Charles Bissett's Heirs,		1 62	13 28	14 90
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2	1 49	15 48	18 97
Edward A. Barlow,	2			2 00
William Babbitt,	2	1 35	21 06	24 41
William Babbitt and others,			1 80	1 80
William Babbitt, Guardian,			3 38	3 38
Caleb S. C. Briggs,	2	1 58	12 60	16 18
William Boyce,	2	45	7 11	9 56
Simeon Briggs,	2	4 41	12 96	19 37
Thomas A. Briggs,	2	2 61	9 63	14 24
John D. Babbitt's Heirs,			10 94	10 94
Adoniram Babbitt,			59	59

Rollin H. Babbitt,	2	1 22	11 66	14 88
Enoch B. Babbitt,	2	2 48	18 45	22 93
Isaac Babbitt,	2	99		2 99
Gideon A. Babbitt,	2	3 51	17 60	23 11
Angeline Bassett,		1 17	11 07	12 24
John Boyce,	2	2 03		4 03
Mary M. Boyce,			15 98	15 98
Elisha Belcher,	2		4 28	6 28
George E. Boyce,	2	1 08	15 30	18 38
Calvin Belcher,	2	90	2 61	5 55
William H. Belcher,	2			2 00
Lucy A. Briggs,			72	72
Job D. Briggs,	2	27		2 27
Clinton L. Briggs,	2			2 00
Sarah Burt,		27	1 26	1 56
Thomas T. Burt,	2	2 70		4 70
Nancy Burt,			11 93	11 93
Amasa W. Bowen,	2			2 00
Nathan G. T. Bowen,	2	1 35	14 67	18 02
Alvin Briggs,		1 13	12 33	13 46
George H. Bowers,	2	53	15 53	19 06
Gregoire Bergeron,	2	1 58		3 58
Moses Bergeron,	2			2 00
Alfred Boardman,	4	4 32	19 71	28 03
Nelson E. Blynn,	2	2 48	9 09	13 57
A. L. Bliss,		3 51	20 75	24 26
Seldon Bowen,	2			2 00
Arthur J. Bennett,	2	1 40	8 64	12 04
John O. Babbitt,	2		5 09	7 09
Edwin N. Blynn,	2		1 62	3 62
Albert F. Bassett,	2			2 00
Chester J. Briggs,	2			2 00
Herbert S. Briggs,	2			2 00
John C. Crane,	2	59	13 55	14 14
William H. S. Crane,		95	9 68	12 63
Sarah Crane's heirs,			7 61	7 61
Benjamin F. Coombs,	2	2 30	19 35	23 65
Margaret Crane,		2 21	13 64	15 85
John Cameron,	2			2 00
Emma T. Crane,			9 95	9 95
George Cummings,	2	3 20	8 96	14 16
Joseph T. Cummings,	2	1 04	6 48	9 52
Jason Cummings,		22	7 78	8 00
Brazilia Crane's heirs,			5 99	5 99

Nathan G. Case,	2	1 62	9 23	12 85
Nathan G. Case, jr.,	2	1 13		3 13
Allen A. Case,	2	1 35		3 35
Charles Corey,	2	4 68	12 60	19 28
Stephen Corey,	2	7 20	1 58	10 78
Thomas H. Chase,	2		1 26	3 26
Thomas G. Case,	2			2 00
Irvin H. Chase,	2	6 53	16 79	25 32
George W. Cummings,	2			2 00
Andrew H. Covell,	2	1 80		3 80
Charles E. Clark's heirs,		1 58	20 39	21 97
Charles E. Clark	2		7 11	9 11
James F. Clark,	2			2 00
Benjamin Crane's heirs,			1 08	1 08
Peter L. Chase,	2	1 80	25 65	29 45
Charles E. Chase,	2			2 00
Patrick T. Clark,	2			2 00
William Caswell,	2	1 35	15 56	19 01
Israel Chase,		54	6 08	6 62
Miriam Chase's heirs,			2 57	2 57
George W. Caswell,	2			2 00
Benjamin Caswell,	2	1 13		3 13
Samuel H. Cudworth,		63	7 07	7 70
Calvin T. Crane,	2	9 68	15 98	27 66
John Cushing,		18 00	90	18 90
Miss E. R. Clark,			3 38	3 38
George S. Clark,	2	63	8 06	10 69
John A. Crowningshield,	2	45	4 37	6 82
George W. Crane,	2			2 00
Albert B. Cummings,	2	18		2 18
Charles W. Cook,	2	2 30	33 98	38 28
Charles A. Cook,	2			2 00
Arthur Cushman,	2			2 00
Mary Cummings,			4 28	4 28
Miles S. Dean,	2	1 62	17 10	20 72
Vernon L. Dean,	2			2 00
Clarence W. Dean,	2			2 00
Albert E. Dean,	2	1 58		3 58
Ebenezer Dean's heirs,			18 99	18 99
Thomas C. Dean's heirs,			18 54	18 54
Thomas F. Dean,	2	1 80	16 83	20 63
Charles A. Davis,	2	1 13	8 10	11 23
Hercules Dean,	2	1 71	18 63	22 34

Charles B. Davis,	2			2 00
W. W. Davis,	2	86		2 86
James D. Dillingham,	2	3 06	15 80	20 86
John Q. Dillingham,	2	3 69	33 35	39 04
James Darius Dillingham,	2			2 00
Silas Downing,	2	23	2 39	4 62
Frank N. Dean,	2			2 00
Herbert A. Dean,	2	4 14	51 26	57 40
Everett Dean,	2			2 00
Benjamin F. Dean,			45	45
Charles G. Delano,	2	45	8 46	10 91
Harry J. Duffee,	2	3 38		5 38
Rhoades K. Edwards,	2	1 26	6 71	9 97
George E. Eddy,	2	59		2 59
Isaac Ellis,	2	45		2 49
Margaret Ellis,			2 79	2 75
Rollin B. Eaton,	2	95	10 13	13 08
William K. Evins,	2	45		2 45
Charles W. Farmer,	2	3 96	10 08	16 04
Emily Farmer,	2		8 15	8 15
Timothy E. French,	2	54	4 28	6 82
Christopher P. French,	2	77	8 01	10 78
Phillip H. Fletcher,	2	13 68		15 68
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2	6 08	31 55	39 63
Charles E. French,	2	54		2 54
Nelson A. Furbush,	2			2 00
Read & Furbush,		1 08	2 84	3 92
James O. French,			4 50	4 50
Isaac E. French,	2			2 00
John H. Grinnell,	2	72	10 49	13 21
William J. Grinnell,	2			2 00
Andrew J. Gidmark,	2		5 13	7 13
Lewis Green,	2	1 04	5 13	8 17
James Gillespie,	2	1 13	5 18	8 31
Benjamin Hathaway's heirs,			3 87	3 87
Henry Hathaway,	4	8 24	18 23	30 47
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	1 08		3 68
Rebecca Hathaway,			11 88	11 88
Elizabeth J. Haskins,			19 94	19 94
David Hoxie,	2	1 62	18 18	21 80
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	1 17	8 55	11 72
Albert Hathaway,			2 57	2 57
Cyrus Haskins,	2	1 13		3 13
Cyrus Haskins' heirs,			6 39	6 39

George H. Harmon,	2	90	4 41	7 31
Augustus R. Haines,	2	57	4 95	7 54
Clarence E. Haines,	2			2 00
Horatio S. Haines,	2			2 00
George F. Howard,	2	72	5 63	8 35
Russell Haskins,	2			2 00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	90	13 46	16 36
Julius C. Haskins,	2	6 08	15 75	23 83
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	72	3 11	5 83
John T. Haskins,	2			2 00
Malachi Haskins,	2	1 94	7 97	11 91
Elam R. Haskins,	2	90	8 55	11 45
Cornelius Harrington,	2	45		2 45
Catharine Harrington,			8 46	8 46
Jacob C. Haskins,	2	27		2 27
Henry Haines,	2	3 60		5 60
Lydia G. Haskins,		54	14 04	14 58
Emma Humphrey,			3 42	3 42
Clothier P. Haskins,			8 78	8 78
Sarah J. Hoards' Heirs,			9 27	9 27
Thomas N. Hathaway,	2	54	11 52	14 06
George L. Hammond,	2	36	4 50	6 86
George M. Hatch,	2	45	11 75	14 20
Samuel F. Hazzard,	2	45	8 55	11 00
Irvin Haskins,	2			2 00
Edward E. Haskins,	2			2 00
Benjamin S. Haskins,	2			2 00
George T. Hathaway,	2			2 00
Joseph Howland,	2	8 91	40 28	51 19
Chester Hall,	2	63		2 63
Giles L. Leach,	2	4 23	30 47	36 70
Obadiah Lawton,	2	4 77	10 67	17 44
William F. Lincoln,	2			2 00
Simeon W. Luther,	2	81		2 81
Henry J. Leggee,	2		5 85	7 85
Benjamin Luther,		1 58	12 65	14 23
Edward A. Lyon,	2	68		2 68
James H. Macomber,	2	1 67	4 15	8 17
Horace N. Macomber,	2	2 25	86	5 11
Gideon H. Myrick,	2	90	11 48	14 38
Erederic Macomber,	2			2 00
John W. Meack,	2	90	4 10	7 00
Sarah C. Myrick,			16 52	16 52
Sarah C. Myrick, guardian,			3 65	3 65

Ebenezer Macomber,	2		10 76	12 76
Edward S. Macomber,	2			2 00
Maria Macomber,		27	4 32	4 59
George W. Macomber,	2	3 42	29 39	34 81
Restcome Macomber,		11 48		11 48
Rufus B. Macomber,	2			2 00
George R. Macomber,	2	8 01		10 01
James McGuire,	2	2 16	13 73	17 89
Lorenzo D. Millard,	2	2 25	2 48	6 73
Restcome Macomber and Henry Brightman			14 18	14 18
Jeremiah Murphy Jr.,	2		8 33	10 33
Mathias G. Mosher,	2			2 00
John Mackenzie,	2			2 00
Frank R. Martin,	2			2 00
George A. Norcutt,	2	90	3 60	6 50
Samuel C. Norcutt,	2	1 17	7 65	10 82
Barnard Norcutt,		27	7 61	7 88
Betsey Newhall.			45	45
Louise Newhall,			11 70	11 70
Walter D. Nichols' heirs,		72	21 74	22 46
Sarah Nichols,		1 35	23 72	25 07
Augustus F. Pierce,	2	1 62	12 38	16 00
James Pierce's heirs,		58 50	1 35	59 85
Jason Pittsley,			1 49	1 49
Thomas F. Pool,	2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,			2 25	2 25
James F. Phillips heirs,			7 79	7 79
Everett F. Phillips,	2			2 00
Andrew Pierce's heirs,			5 78	5 78
Darius Phillips' heirs,			11 48	11 48
Samuel S. Pierce,	2		3 29	5 29
Shepard Phillips,	2		3 02	5 02
Walter J. Phillips,	2	45	1 98	4 43
Alfred Pierce,	2	1 40	10 04	13 44
Philip C. Porter,	2			2 00
Franklin Phillips,	2	27	6 57	8 86
Frederick Paul's heirs,			19 13	19 13
Charles F. Paul,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paul,	2			2 00
Paul Bros.,		5 63	6 39	12 02
Thomas Paul, guardian,		14 40		14 40
Pavid R. Pierce's heirs,			3 15	3 15
Edmund O. Phillips,	2			2 00

Elkanah Pierce,	2	16 56	27 68	46 24
Wm. H. Pierce,	2	42 66	11 93	56 59
Darius B. Phillips,	2	2 43		4 43
Robert E. Pierce,	2			2 00
Herbert A. Perry,	2			2 00
Teddy S. Pierce,			8 73	8 73
Charles Phillips,	2		3 15	5 15
John A. Reed,	2			2 00
Otis E. Reed,		54	5 00	5 54
Florence Reed,		90	5 00	5 90
Asa W. Reed,	2		3 02	5 02
John F. Richmond,	2	90	7 07	9 97
David F. Richmond,	2			2 00
Wid. Stephen C. Ramsdell,			23	23
Apollos B. Reed,	2			2 00
James S. Reid,	2			2 00
John D. Rose,	2	1 44	12 02	15 46
Wm. H. Smith,	2	1 40	4 95	8 35
David T. Strange,	2	2 12	12 06	16 18
Albert W. Strange,	2			2 00
Daniel D. Strange,			17 33	17 33
Noah H. Strange,	2	5 81	6 26	14 07
Thomas Strange's heirs,			25 65	25 65
George T. Strange,	2	1 13	45	3 58
Elam Staples,	2	23	3 69	5 92
Charles A. Shaw,	2	1 94	6 44	10 38
Joseph Staples,			6 57	6 57
Charles E. Shaw,	2			2 00
George A. Smith,	2			2 00
Isaac Seymore,	2	2 12	19 17	23 29
Thomas H. Seekel,	2	1 53	16 56	20 09
John S. Staples' heirs,		6 84	15 08	21 92
John F. Staples,	2			2 00
Sumner N. Staples,	2			2 00
Huldah T. Staples,		90	14 00	14 90
Wm. Simms,		7 61	11 70	19 31
Wm. G. Simms,	2		7 20	9 20
Congregational Society,			6 08	6 08
John Smith,	2			2 00
George H. Swift,	2			2 00
Samuel R. Stone,	2	2 25		4 25
Adelbert H. Stone,	2	2 25		4 25
Herbert W. Stone,	2			2 00
James A. Smellie,	2	17 10		19 10

George L. Turcott,	2			2 00
Leander Terry,	2	1 44	12 83	16 27
Noah D. Thrasher's heirs,		1 13	8 10	9 23
Jonathan W. Trasher,	2	2 48	28 94	33 42
Charles O. Trasher,	2	68		2 68
Benjamin H. Thrasher,		13	2 61	2 74
John H. Thrasher,	2	1 35	5 58	8 93
Benjamin E. Townsend,	2	3 65	10 76	16 41
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	2	1 40	9 90	13 30
Edward E. Terry,	2	13		2 13
Eliphalet Terry,	2			2 00
Frank B. Terry,	2			2 00
Zebedee Terry,	2			2 00
Charles Terry,	2			2 00
Joseph W. Terry,	2			2 00
Gustavus Tripp,	2	1 22	14 40	17 62
Cassius E. Viall,	2	1 62	11 70	15 32
Amanda Wilbur,			1 35	1 35
George W. Westgate,	2	1 08	6 44	9 52
George H. Westgate,	2	27	3 51	5 71
James B. Westgate's heirs,		1 13	9 05	10 18
Eli Wardell,	2	54	3 15	5 69
Dean T. Westgate,		3 60	11 75	15 35
George E. Westgate,	2	13	1 80	3 93
Elijah Wilbur's heirs,				1 04
Frederick Williams,	2			2 00
George V. Williams,	2	72		2 72
William F. Westgate,	2	81		2 81
George F. Wilbur,	2	68	22 46	25 14
Charles H. Williams,			13 05	13 05
Seth E. Williams,	2	2 07	18 68	22 75
Charles M. Wade,	2	2 07	14 00	18 07
Charles S. White,	2	77	9 54	12 31
Damon D. White,	2			2 00
Theodore Wilbur,	2	9 00	90	11 90
Benjamin A. White,	2			2 00
Frederick Whitaker,	2	45		2 45
Edward E. Whitaker,	2	3 83	3 60	9 43
Adoniram J. Wilcox,	2	90	5 99	8 89
Wm. L. Wade,	2		2 48	4 48
Marshal B. Williams,	2		4 73	6 73
J. E. M. Wright,	2	68		2 68
Hannah S. Williams,		4 95		4 95
John E. Westgate,	2			2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

Edward W. Macomber,	3 92	32 99	36 91
Nathan Clark,		5 18	5 18
George Seekel,		2 47	2 47
I. F. Dean,		16 88	16 88
James H. Wade,		1 35	1 35
Charles F. Johnson,		5 40	5 40
Edward T. Macomber,		1 26	1 26
David C. Dean,		4 50	4 50
James I. Dean,		4 05	4 05
Charles W. Padelford,		36	36
Wm. Burt,		2 25	2 25
Benjamin Burt,		2 70	2 70
Samuel B. Chase,		5 40	5 40
David W. Dean,		12 50	12 50
Jacob Eldridge,		1 13	1 13
Charles Baylies,		8 33	8 33
Lewis Bragg,		7 43	7 43
Phillip E. Williams,		27	27
Enoch Goff,		68	68
Sylvia Hathaway's heirs,		68	68
Enoch Hathaway's heirs,		68	68
George Hart,		45	45
John W. Hart,		5 63	5 63
Edward O. Hart,		4 73	4 73
James E. Hart,		1 35	1 35
Lysander Hart,		1 35	1 35
Henry B. Macomber,		3 60	3 60
Samuel W. Macomber,		4 05	4 05
Wm. F. Macomber's heirs,		45	45
Stephen Pierce,		18	18
Oliver A. Pierce's heirs,		18	18
Wm. Price,		6 75	6 75
David Padelford,		1 35	1 35
Elizabeth Padelford,		90	90
Bernard Quigley's heirs,		90	90
Alpheus Sanford's heirs,		2 61	2 61
Sina Williams and others,		4 05	4 05
John E. Sanford,		2 25	2 25
Abraham Shores,		1 35	1 35
Lloyd Williams,		2 70	2 70
George Williams,		7 20	7 20

James Wetherell,	4 28	4 28
A. White & Co.,	6 75	6 75
Jacob B. Phillips,	3 15	3 15
Job Hamer's widow,	1 80	1 80
Lysander Soper,	45	45
Elkanah Hathaway,	9 90	9 90
David F. Strange,	90	90
Alexander H. Williams,	45	45
Abial B. Staples,	4 73	4 73
Israel French's widow,	90	90
Abbey Cobb,	3 60	3 60
Emily C. Williams,	6 30	6 30
Albert Pitts,	8 78	8 78
Alexander Burt,	54	54
Eliza A. Washburn,	8 10	8 10
Elizabeth Duffee,	4 50	4 50
Wm. A. Haskins,	45	45
Thomas Doyle,	2 70	2 70
Sarah J. Hathaway,	5 85	5 85
Phebe Staples,	81	81
Arthur Jones,	5 85	5 85
Caroline M. Call,	5 40	5 40
George E. Whiting,	2 97	2 97

FREETOWN.

Charles H. Briggs' heirs,	2 25	2 25
Daniel H. Cudworth,	45	45
E. P. Hathaway and Evins,	2 25	2 25
Charles Eddy,	68	68
Jonathan Gurney,	54	54
Charles E. Hathaway,	2 25	2 25
Joseph D. Hathaway,	7 65	7 65
Nichols & Sampson,	1 80	1 80
Gilbert N. Nichols,	3 60	3 60
James Winslow,	1 13	1 13
John D. Wilson,	2 75	2 75
Apollos Webster's heirs,	17 19	17 19
George B. Williams,	18	18
Henry D. Clark,	5 18	5 18
George Pierce & Brother,	1 80	1 80

LAKEVILLE.

Clothier Allen's heirs,	4 95	4 95
John F. Allen,	13 50	13 50
John Allen's heirs,	54	54
Susan Strobbridge's heirs,	3 60	3 60

William Canedy,	6 30	6 30
Jeremiah Murphy,	8 10	8 10
Job Pierce,	18	18
Ethan E. Pierce,	2 79	2 79
Henry C. Pickens,	4 50	4 50
James P. Pierce,	3 60	3 60
Wm. C. Pierce,	2 70	2 70
Wm. & C. A. Pierce,	45	45

NEW BEDFORD.

Daniel K. Andros,	13 50	13 50
Charles D. Burt,	45	45
Ella R. Thomas,	1 13	1 13
S. B. Hamlin's heirs,	2 70	2 70
Caroline Morse,	2 03	2 03
J. Augustus Brownell,	35 55	35 55
Frank S. Macomber,	1 80 4 28	6 08

DIGHTON.

Wm. W. French,	1 80	1 80
Shove & Perry,	6 30	6 30
Charles N. Simmons,	9 81	9 81
Darius White,	45	45
Noble S. Simmons' heirs,	3 51	3 51
James E. Standish,	45	45
Noah Chase,	4 95	4 95
Isaac N. Babbitt,	4 50	4 50
Lewis M. White,	2 48	2 48
Lewis M. White, guardian,	23 6 48	6 71
Charles E. Carr,	11 03	11 03

PROVIDENCE.

Wm. Seekel,	90	90
Jane Wrenche's heirs,	2 25	2 25
Frank E. Chester,	9 00	9 00
Joseph W. Puffer,	7 20	7 20

MISCELLANEOUS.

Abbie Chase, Portsmouth, R. I.,	3 60	3 60
Jonathan Crane, Illinois,	90	90
Sumner Thompson's heirs, Vt.,	4 05	4 05
John Crane's heirs, Cambridgeport,	8 55	8 55
Benjamin F. Chase, Brockton,	13 50	13 50
Mary E. E. Elsbree, Westport,	13 50	13 50

Ambrose Hathaway's heirs, Brighton,	1 58	1 58
Enoch Sanford, Raynham,	1 58	1 58
Maria A. Strange, "	68	68
Ellen Anderson, Waltham,	2 48	2 48
Simeon Winslow, Foxboro,	27	27
Old Colony Railroad, Boston, Mass.,	36 00	36 00
Oliver E. French, Newport,	14 63	14 63
Amelia Paul, Hollis, N. H.,	1 13	1 13
Wm. Morse, Canton,	6 98	6 98
Isaac Fish, Onset,	3 60	3 60
Wm. B. Dolonson, Fall River,	9 00	9 00

REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
of the Town of Berkley.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13TH, 1891.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECT-
MEN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Alfred Pierce,	Thomas T. Burt,
Thomas N. Hathaway,	George L. Turcott,
George W. Cummings,	Charles O. Thrasher,
Nathaniel G. Townsend,	Orin H. Atwood,
Charles W. Cook,	Gideon H. Babbitt,
Charles E. Chace,	Thomas A. Briggs,
Calvin T. Crane,	Peter L. Chace,
Asa W. Reed,	George S. Clark.

TOWN FARM.

The examination of the accounts was made Feb. 13, 1891, and the monthly receipts and sales are as follows:

From Feb. 15, 1890, to

	CREDITS.	DEBITS.
March 1, 1890,	\$17 43	\$24 08
For the month of March,	64 97	57 10
April,	77 49	78 69
May,	46 62	81 96
June,	39 12	68 45
July,	32 89	69 08
August,	44 19	50 26
September,	75 16	75 37
October,	56 76	49 96
November,	144 35	52 00
December,	78 53	76 11
1891 January,	86 40	56 06
To February 13,	19 98	17 32
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$783 89	\$756 44
	756 44	
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Balance in favor of Town,	\$27 45	

The Superintendent's service for the year ends the 31st of March, 1891, his salary being \$200 per year.

We understand him that there are no debts against the town except a doctor's bill.

At present there are four inmates at the Almshouse, Irvin and Howard Cummings, eight and nine years old, and Lillian Staples and child. John Westgate died, March 12, 1890.

Persons receiving aid outside of the Almshouse: Sally Cummings, \$1 per week; Abby Cummings, 50 cents per week; Sarah Macomber, \$1 per week; Simmons' family, \$10 per month; Fred. W. French, \$3.25 per week at Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

The barn, porch and henhouse at the farm are in a very bad condition for the want of shingling, and should

be attended to at once, as the framework of the buildings are becoming rotten by delay.

Twenty-five tramps have stopped over night at the farm during the year.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, HAY, FARMING UTENSILS AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

2 horses,	\$135 00
9 cows,	288 00
4 shoates,	22 00
18 tons of hay,	234 00
1 ton salt hay,	10 00
1 hay cutter,	3 50
1 harrow and hay rack,	4 00
1 horse rake,	19 00
5 hay forks and 2 rakes,	2 00
4 shovels,	2 00
1 pair hames and tackle,	2 00
Harnesses,	22 00
Ladders and tug hook,	2 50
4 whiffletrees, 1 wrench,	2 75
1 express wagon,	10 00
1 farm wagon,	15 00
8 chains, 2 iron bars, 2 sledges,	5 00
1 grindstone and wheelbarrow,	2 50
1 small wagon,	4 00
6 scythes, 5 snathes, 2 corn cutters,	6 00
70 fowl,	45 50
8 cords of wood at door,	28 00
2 horse blankets, 2 robes,	4 00

1 lot fertilizer,	1 75
Furniture in tramp house,	2 50
2 plows and cultivator,	7 00
1 horse sled, shingles, 1 step ladder,	5 00
1 grain cradle,	3 50
4 bu. meal, 2 bu. corn and shorts,	5 50
Corn and rye,	4 00
4 saws, 3 axes and 1 hatchet,	4 50
3 hoes and 1 pick,	1 00
Cabbage and small potatoes,	2 50
12 bu. potatoes, \$15, turnips, \$1.50,	16 50
175 pounds of pork, 8c.,	14 00
45 pounds of ham, 12c.,	5 40
2 churns and wringer,	5 00
18 bu. ashes, 2 cider and 1 pork barrel,	6 50
Lot of barrels,	1 50
One oil can and oil,	1 00
Boxes and moulds,	1 00
2 milk pails, 19 milk pans,	3 50
40 pounds of lard,	4 00
Large iron kettle, 4 jugs and lantern,	2 50
3 wash tubs,	1 80
1 lot of beans and rye meal,	2 00
1 lot of hard soap, 1 set of measures,	4 50
1 wash-board and 2 wash-boilers,	2 50
7 beds, bedsteads and straw beds,	28 00
1 bed spread, 12 comfortables, 1 quilt,	13 00
14 pillow slips, 17 bed sheets,	10 00
3 bed blankets, 15 towels,	5 00
3 stoves and pipes and copper tank,	28 00

3 screen doors and oil stove,	5 50
Carpet and 2 clothes horses,	4 00
2 clocks and 3 looking-glasses,	3 00
4 kettles, spider and griddle,	3 00
4 lamps and steel-yards,	2 25
Groceries on hand,	8 00
Crockery and tin-ware,	10 00
4 tables and 20 chairs,	7 00
4 bureaus, brace and bits,	7 25

Appraisal, 1891,	\$1,111 70
“ 1890,	1,082 05

WILLIAM BABBITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
HERBERT A. DEAN,		of
PETER L. CHACE,		<i>Berkley.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

Town Clerk for 1890.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BERKLEY 1890.

Child's Name.	Parents' Name.
Earle Whitaker, Born Feb. 6, 1890.	Frederic Whitaker, Ella Whitaker.
Frank E. Terry, Born May 2, 1889.	Frank B. Terry, Anna H. Terry.
No name, Born April 26, 1890.	J. A. Smellie, E. D. Smellie.
Albert E. Shaw, Born Sept. 23, 1890.	Chas. E. Shaw, Grace E. Shaw.
Mildred Phillips, Born Oct. 23, 1890.	D. Benjamin Phillips, Carrie L. Phillips.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BERKLEY 1890.

- April 2. Samuel W. Phillips of Berkley, to Louise M. Thrasher of Taunton. Married by E. A. Lyon, Berkley.
- June 9. Charles E. Shaw of Berkley, to Grace E. Fisher of Taunton. Married by E. C. Bass, Taunton.
- July 6. Curtis F. Cummings of Taunton, to Idella Angell of Berkley. Married by E. Dawes, Lakeville.

- Aug. 12. D. Benjamin Phillips of Berkley, to Carrie L. Terry of Freetown. Married by R. M. Peacock, Somerset.
- Aug. 14. Charles A. Macomber of Berkley, to Elizabeth M. Nickerson of Lakeville. Married by G. H. Flinn, Berkley.
- Oct. 11. Lester C. Moranville of Lakeville, to Julia Borden of Taunton. Married by B. A. Chew, Berkley.
- Nov. 9. Alton A. Allen of Fall River, to Ella M. Mosher of Berkley. Married by J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Nov. 26. Thomas T. Burt of Berkley, to Laurilla A. French of Berkley. Married by J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BERKLEY 1890.

Name.	Date.	Y.	M.	D.	Disease.
Nancy E. White,	Jan. 10	62	7	21	Pneumonia
Sarah A. Butters,	Jan. 18	83	2	6	"
Elijah Wilbur,	Jan. 19	87	0	24	"
John S. Staples,	Jan. 21	64	4	13	Bronchitis
Harriet J. Marble,	Mar. 5	68	0	0	
Johanna Driscoll,	Mar. 10	80	0	0	
Oliver F. Seekell,	Mar. 12	57	0	8	Cancer.
John Westgate,	Mar. 12	70	0	0	Gangrene.
Mary M. Pierce,	Mar. 20	49	11	20	Scirrhus
Darius Sandford,	May 14	88	9	20	
George W. Pittsley,	June —	30	1	20	Drowning
Sarah Crane,	June 12	58	6	6	Peritonites
Obadiah Lawton,	June 25	80	0	0	Hepatites
Clarence H. Sylvester,	Aug. 9	0	3	1	
Hercules Dean,	Oct. 21	55	5	26	Phthisis
Selden N. Bowen,	Oct. 31	30	0	0	Blood Poison
Hannah B. Burt,	Nov. 2	71	11	7	Heart Failure
Lucinda F. Phillips,	Nov. 5	63	8	13	Dropsy
Caroline Burt,	Dec. 1	82	0	0	Old Age
Eliza Hoxie,	Dec. 26	78	4	14	Heart Disease.

GILES L. LEACH, Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S
REPORT,

For Year Ending Feb. 15, 1892,

TOGETHER WITH A

LIST OF TAXES

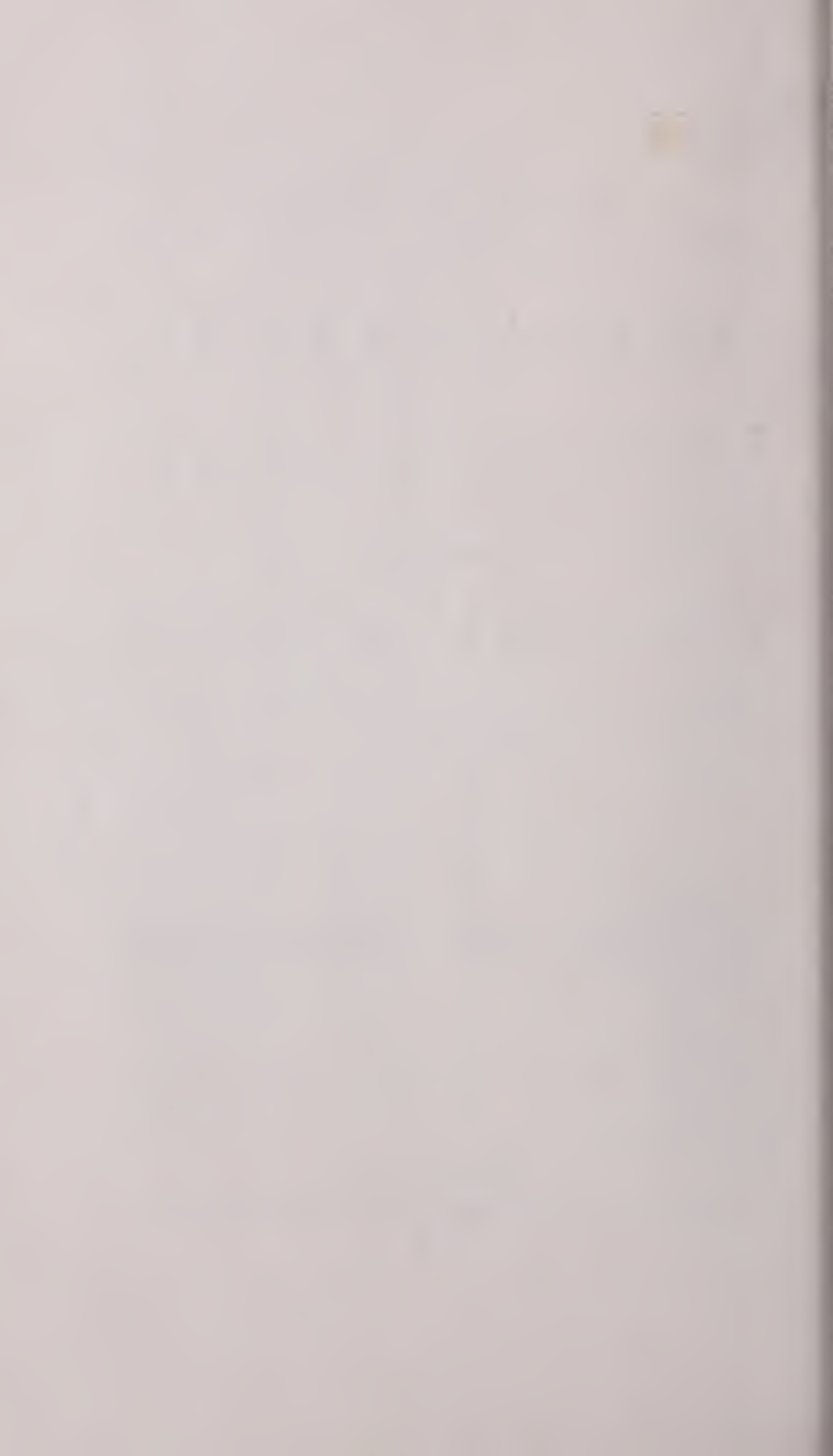
FOR 1891-92

OF THE

TOWN OF BERKLEY.

TAUNTON, MASS.:

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Treasurer's Report.

FOR THE YEAR, FROM FEB. 15, 1891, TO FEB. 15, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

h in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1891,	\$653 94
Gurney, Checks for Sally Cummings,	72 00
Bank Macomber, Auctioneer's License,	2 00
Everett Cudworth "	2 00
A. J. Hathaway, credit, for Darius Sanford,	
1890,	4 80
G. Mosher, Agent on Town Farm,	8 00
Hired, Machinist National Bank,	1,600 00
Oyster Note,	1,525 00
Fish Note, C. N. Simmons,	53 00
" " J. W. Thrasher,	50 00
Use of Myrick's Hall, W. G. Simms,	12 00
Fines from Dist. Court, Jones & Terry	
Case,	20 00
Town of Raynham,	4 00
A. M. Alger, Fines due from Dist. Court,	15 00
James Pierce, Children attending Myrick's	
School,	8 25
Hay from Town Farm, 4,210 lbs., at \$12	
per ton,	25 26
Corporation Tax, 1891,	266 22
National Bank Tax, 1891,	888 81
Military Aid, Chap. 279,	177 00
State " " 301,	198 00
Dog Fund,	118 86
State School Fund,	387 73
Uncollected Taxes of 1890,	101 97
Am't assessed for State, County and Town	
Tax for 1891,	4,461 85
	<hr/> \$10,655 69

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. D. Dillingham, School Committee, 1890,	\$25 00
Wm. Babbitt, Selectman from Feb. 14 to March 4.	9 50
G. L. Leach, recording Births, Deaths and Marriages for 1890,	9 20
P. C. Porter, Auditor and Horse hire 1890	3 00
G. L. Leach, attending meeting to register voters, six times,	9 00
C. T. Crane, School Committee from Jan. 31, to close of school year, 1890-91,	9 50
Peter L. Chase, Selectman, Feb. 16 to Oct. 1, 1891,	24 95
Peter L. Chase, Selectman, cash paid out,	1 05
Gideon Myrick, Assessor for 1890,	38 75
G. L. Leach, Town Clerk from Oct. 3, 1890 to Sept. 7, 1891,	21 50
G. L. Leach, express on books, stamps and stationery,	5 55
C. W. Cook, Selectman, Overseer of Poor, from March 14 to Sept. 8, 1891,	16 10
C. W. Cook, cash paid out for stamps and stationery,	2 15
Andrew J. Briggs, Constable at State Elec- tion,	1 50
G. L. Leach, Assessor for 1891,	37 50
C. T. Crane, School Committee from March 10, 1891, to Jan. 30, 1892,	24 00
Peter L. Chase, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 15, 1892,	25 50
Peter L. Chase, cash paid out,	1 25
C. W. Cook, Selectman up to Feb. 15, 1892,	17 50
N. H. Strange, Collector and Treasurer, 1891,	100 00
H. A. Dean, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, up to Feb. 15, 1892,	25 50

P. C. Porter, Auditor for 1891,	9 50
Mary LeP. Corey, School Committee up to Feb. 10, 1892,	19 50
Rollin H. Babbitt, School Committee up to Feb. 15, 1892,	27 50
Rollin H. Babbitt, cash paid out,	40
Julius C. Askins, Inspector, State Election,	1 50
C. L. Craze, Ballot Clerk, " "	1 50
N. T. Bowen, Inspector, " "	1 50
Albert W. Strange, " " "	1 50
Gideon Myrick, " " "	1 50

 \$472 40

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

M. G. Mosher, Town Farm agent, 1890,	\$200 00
G. L. Hammond, care of Town Hall up to Feb. 15, 1892,	8 75
Interest, Machinist National Bank,	6 63
J. T. Horton, tending draw to B. & D. bridge, from Jan. 1 to Apr. 1, 1891,	18 00
A. L. Hathaway and others, fighting forest fires,	2 75
T. T. Burt and others, fighting forest fires,	8 25
S. W. Luther, repairs on buildings at Town Farm,	1 00
Irving Anderson, work on School House No. 4,	40
C. H. Buffington, ballots, Mar. 1891,	2 75
Sanders & Buffington, lumber and pickets,	38 12
W. G. Simms, freight on stove pipe,	25
Wm. H. Burke, horse for Town Farm,	100 00
P. A. Pierce, labor inside Town Hall and stock furnished,	26 50
Interest, Machinist National Bank,	12 50
Otis A. Thayer, 54 posts at .20 for Myrick's School House lot,	10 80
Ebenezer Macomber, labor on School House No. 7,	1 55

Ebenezer Macomber, building fence round S. H. Lot,	26 69
3 Notes, Machinist National Bank,	1,600 00
Taunton Lumber Co., shingles for Town Farm,	64 00
Sanders & Buffington, nails,	3 13
G. H. Lincoln, wagon for Town Farm,	55 00
Int. Machinist National Bank,	18 29
Nelson Blinn, shingling Town Farm barn,	32 25
Town of Middleboro' Care of Fish,	20 00
C. H. Buffington, printing reports,	46 10
Nelson Blinn, building wood-shed to school House No. 4,	145 00
Taunton Lumber Co., lumber for barn at Town Farm,	1 41
Geo. F. Pratt, County tax,	633 92
T. H. Seekell, serving dog warrants 1891,	5 00
Nelson Blinn, labor on School-houses, Nos. 3 and 5,	4 50
James F. Clark, painting on School-houses 90 hours,	18 00
George S. Cummings, painting on School houses 90 hours,	18 00
John A. Read, painting on School-houses 80 hours,	16 00
T. O. Falvey, criminal cases,	14 67
Warren F. Butler, repairing ballot box,	1 05
James A. Tinkham, repairs on ballot box,	2 00
H. A. Dean, transportation of ballot box to and from Taunton,	1 50
F. R. Washburn, material for painting School-houses,	45 80
Crowell & Savory, material for painting at Town Farm,	4 73
George S. Clark and others, labor at School- house No. 7,	4 35
M. G. Mosher, Town Farm agent, part pay 1891,	28 00

Wm. Boyce, labor on buildings at Town Farm,	11 60
State Tax,	345 00
C. T. Crane, administering oath to Assessors,	25
G. T. Hammond, services and fuel for Town meeting,	1 50
Mary R. Hammond, cleaning School Houses, 1, 2, 6 and 7,	9 50
Eliza Terry, cleaning School Houses, 3, 4, and 5,	7 50
F. R. Washburn, shellac and paint for No. 5	3 35
T. T. Burt, moving safe from Weir to B. Common,	1 50
G. L. Hammond, cutting bushes on B. Common,	1 50
Timothy French, labor and material on School House No. 2,	1 90
J. C. Standish, care of B. and D. bridge, from April 1, 1891, to Jan. 1, 1892,	56 25
Abatement of Taxes, 1890-1891,	56 95
Cudworth & Davis, lumber for Town Farm hen-house,	20 47
A. L. Hathaway, labor and material on School House No. 3,	1 00
D. S. Briggs,	17 30
H. A. Dean, 12 cord wood to Town Hall,	2 00
C. W. Cook, stamps and stationery,	1 54
C. W. Cook, counsel,	3 00
Charles Corey, serving, copying and posting Town Warrants, 1885-6-7-9, 1890-91.	76 00
Charles Corey, Dept. Sheriff in crim. cases, May 1891,	17 48
Charles Corey, Dept. Sheriff in crim. cases, Sept. 1891,	5 30
E. H. Evans, City Marshal, Taunton,	50
N. H. Strange, meeting with Selectmen at Town Hall 28 times 1891-92,	21 00

M. G. Mosher, money received from Staples

Coal Co. for hay,	25	26	
Discount on Taxes for 1891,	128	44	
	<hr/>		\$43 65 73

BERKLEY AND DIGHTON BRIDGE.

T. T. Burt, labor on bridge,	\$3	00	
Geo. E. Boyce, labor on bridge,	7	00	
Eli Wardell, labor on bridge,	1	50	
J. C. Standish and others, labor on bridge and material,	30	30	
	<hr/>		\$41 80

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

E. L. Strange for C. F. Staples,			
For medicine,	\$7	57	
For board,	13	80	
For clothing,	2	00	
G. L. Hammond, digging grave,	3	00	
H. T. Washburn, funeral charges,	35	00	
Expenses in full for C. F. Staples,	<hr/>		\$61 37
B. L. Dwinnell, medical attendance for S.			
W. Phillips,	\$10	00	
Taunton Hospital up to Jan. 1, 1892,	167	13	
Expended for S. W. Phillips up to Jan. 1, 1892,	<hr/>		\$177 13
H. T. Washburn, funeral charges for Irving			
D. Cummings,	\$15	00	
H. H. Sproat, medical attendance,	20	75	
Expended in full for Irving D. Cummings,	<hr/>		\$35 75
Staples Coal Co., coal for Mrs. M. M.			
Wellman,	\$16	00	
T. A. Briggs, board for Abbie Cummings from Aug. 13, 1890 to Aug. 13, 1891,	26	00	
Paid Presbrey Bros. for Mrs. S. W.			
Phillips,	3	00	
Whole amount expended for Soldiers Relief,	<hr/>		\$319 25

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Allowance made by Selectmen for Sarah Macomber \$1.00 per week, paid to Feb. 2, 1892,	\$54 00	
Allowance for Sally Cummings, \$1.00 per week, paid to Feb. 6, 1892,	53 00	
12 checks for Sally Cummings, at \$6.00	72 00	
Amount paid out of Treasury, for Sally Cummings,	-----	\$125 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for Fred French, 12 months,	\$169 46	
Simmons family from May 15 to July 15, City of Taunton for Simmons family up to Feb. 28, 1891,	20 00 70 00	
Whole amount paid up to date,	-----	\$90 00
City of Taunton for burial of Orrin Norcutt,	\$7 50	
Presbrey Bros., goods furnished Chester Hall,	4 00	
City of Brockton, for Edwin Macomber,	22 86	
H. H. Sproat, medical attendance for Lillian Staples,	17 00	
Clinton Sproat, ointment,	50	
Allowance made for Samuel H. Clark, \$1.25 per week, paid G. A. Clark for S. H. Clark,	12 50	
H. H. Sproat, medical attendance for Hiram Atwood,	3 00	
Whole amount for poor out of Almshouse	-----	\$505 82

STATE AID.

M. M. Wellman, 12 months at \$4,	\$48 00	
Angeline Williams, 11 months at 4,	44 00	
Angeline Williams, 1 month at 2,	2 00	
Mary E. Smith, 12 months at 4,	48 00	
Reuben Chase, 12 months at 4,	48 00	
Maria Macomber, 8 months at 4,	32 00	
Andrew J. Briggs, 3 months at 4,	12 00	
	-----	\$234 00

MILITARY AID.

B. F. Dean, 12 months at \$6,	\$72 00
C. F. Staples, 2 months at 10,	20 00
J. A. Read, 12 months at 6,	72 00
Andrew J. Briggs, 4 months at 8,	32 00
Andrew J. Briggs, 1 month at 3,	3 00
	<hr/> \$199 00

SCHOOLS.

B. F. Dean, sawing wood, 7 cords,	\$11 25
Enoch V. Boyce, sawing wood,	95
Percy A. Haskins, care School House and building fires in No. 7,	11 20
Percy A. Haskins, sawing and housing wood,	3 00
Percy A. Haskins, cleaning stove pipe,	50
Walter A. Strange, building fires, No. 5,	4 40
Willie Wardell, " " " 6,	9 75
Irving Anderson " " " 4,	9 50
Irving Anderson, sawing and splitting 1-2 cord wood,	75
John Dillingham, 2 5-8 cords wood,	9 50
Roy Wellman, building fires No. 1,	6 25
George A. Holden, sawing and splitting 1-2 cord wood,	75

TEACHERS, SPRING TERM, 1891.

Julia R. Burt,	No. 1, 10 weeks at \$8 00,	\$80 00
Lillian M. Darling,	" 2, " "	80 00
Lucy A. Hayes,	" 3, " "	80 00
Ada Anthony,	" 4, " "	7 50 75 00
Lizzie A. Cook,	" 5, " "	6 00 60 00
Alton Reed,	" 6, " "	7 00 70 00
Nellie M. Fewks,	" 7, " "	8 50 85 00
E. G. Strange, building fires, No. 5,		2 25
C. D. Babbitt, " " " 3,		2 25
J. T. Cummings, sawing and housing wood,		6 45

A. F. Haskins, sawing and splitting wood, No. 7,	1 00
G. L. Hammond, sawing 2 1-2 cords wood,	4 00
H. A. Dean, 10 cords wood,	40 00
J. W. Terry, sawing wood, No. 5,	3 75
Gideon Babbitt, 1-2 cord wood, No. 1,	2 00
Paull Bros., wood,	29 22
C. T. Crane, 5 cords woods,	18 65
J. F. Richmond, 2 cords wood,	7 00
G. L. Leach, 1-2 cord wood,	2 00

TEACHERS, FALL TERM, 1891,

Julia R. Burt, No. 1, 11 weeks at \$8 50	\$93 50
Nellie A Luther, " 2, "	7 50 82 50
Ida Goldthwaite, " 3, "	7 50 82 50
Minerva Dean, " 4, "	7 50 82 50
Eudora M. Allen, " 5, "	6 00 66 00
Alton W. Read, " 6, "	7 00 77 00
Nellie M. Fewks, " 7, "	8 50 93 50
Cliffie Haskins, sawing 3 cords of wood,	3 00
Wm. H. Belcher, sawing 2 1-2 cords of wood,	3 75
Clifford Macomber, building fires, No. 2,	5 38
N. H. Strange, building fires, No. 5,	4 40
Mary LeB. Corey, 1-2 cord of wood,	2 00

TEACHERS WINTER TERM—1891-92.

Julia R. Burt, No. 1, 12 weeks at \$8 50,	\$102 00
Cyril O. Abell, No. 2, "	8 00, 96 00
Ida Goldthwaite, No. 3, "	7 50, 90 00
Mary R. Pope, No. 4, "	7 50, 90 00
Eudora M. Allen, No. 5, 10 "	6 00, 60 00
Alton Reed, No. 6, 12 "	7 00, 84 00
Nellie M. Fewks, No. 7, "	8 50 102 00
Expended for schools,	————— \$1,936 40

EXPENDED FOR BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

George F. King & Merrill, books,	\$25 17
Wm. Ware & Co., "	13 00
Thompson Brown & Co., "	6 83

J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	"	3	00	
Perry Mason & Co.,	"	5	25	
H. A. Dickerman & Son,	"	5	33	
American Book Co., books and supplies,		37	64	
Eastern Education Bureau, 3 maps.		12	00	
A. J. Barker, ink,		1	00	
Lee & Shepard,		3	00	
University Pub. Co., books,		40	32	
Boston School Supply,		15	60	
C. T. Crane, cash paid out for school supplies,		6	42	
M. LeB. Corey, cash paid out for school supplies,		2	72	
Amount paid for books and supplies,				<u>\$177 28</u>

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount of money appropriated for Memorial Day,				\$25,00
Church & Burt's team,		\$2	00	
C. H. Buffington, printing programmes,		1	88	
Abijah Wales, speaker,		5	00	
Car fare and telephoning,			65	
P. C. Porter, music,		2	08	
				<u>11 61</u>
Balance left in Treasury,				\$13 39

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, EXCEPTING BERKLEY AND DIGHTON BRIDGE.

Alfred Boardman,	151 hours at 15c.,	\$22	65
Samuel Norcutt,	60 " "	9	00
H. A. Dean,	130 " "	19	50
Fred Macomber,	144 " "	21	60
Everett Dean,	25 " "	3	75
Chester Briggs,	70 " "	10	50
Maria Macomber,		3	00
George W. Westgate,	100 " "	15	00
George W. Westgate,	15 loads gravel at 3c.,		45

Stephen Corey,	30 hours at 15c.,	4 50
Harry Angel,	29 " "	4 35
Erven Chace,	40 " "	6 00
Eryen Chace,	421 loads gravel at 3c.,	12 63
Caleb Briggs,	100 hours at 15c.,	15 00
Mrs. Charles Clark,		4 35
Thomas T. Burt,	281 hours at 15c.	42 15
Thomas T. Burt, posts and rails,		1 00
Thomas T. Burt, painting signs to road		50
Giles Leach, 57 hours at 15c.,		8 55
Giles Leach, 45 loads of gravel at 3c.,		1 35
George E. Boyce, 20 hours at 15c.,		3 00
Alfred Boardman, 30 loads of gravel at 3c.,		90
Charles W. Cook, 58 hours at 15c.,		8 70
John Cameron, 32 hours at 15c.,		4 80
John Cameron, 19 loads of gravel at 3c.,		57
Joseph T. Cummings, 76 hours at 15c.,		11 40
Joseph T. Cummings, powder and safety fuse,		65
Estate of Hercules Dean, 28 loads of gravel at 3c.,		84
Calvin T. Crane, 10 loads of gravel at 3c ,		30
Christopher P. French, 121 loads of gravel at 3c.,		3 63
Alvin Briggs, 60 hours at 15c.,		9 00
James Angel, 40 hours at 15c.,		6 00
Francis P. Clark, 35 hours at 15c.,		5 25
Willard Hathaway, 20 hours at 15c.,		3 00
Martin Alden, 10 loads of gravel at 3c.,		30
Francis Richmond, 30 hours at 15c.,		4 50
George L. Hammond, 10 hours at 15c.,		1 50
Edwin H. Allen, 219 1-2 hours at 15c.,		32 93
Daniel S. Briggs, 15 hours at 15c.,		2 25
Mrs. Charles Bissett, building stones,		50
Amos H. Allen, 194 hours at 15c.,		29 10
Amos H. Allen, horse four hours at 15c.,		60
Amos H. Allen, posts and rails,		2 00

John Rose, 83 hours at 15c.,	12 45
N. G. T. Bowen, 54 hours at 15c.,	8 10
Capt. Phillips, 200 loads of gravel at 3c.,	6 00
A. L. Bliss, 170 hours at 15c.,	25 50
Wm. Boyce, 5 hours at 15c.,	75
Amount expended by Sec. No. 1, Thomas T. Burt, Commissioner.	\$390 38
George Tyler Pennock, axle arm to road scraper,	\$3 00
Charles O. Thrasher,	48 00
Charles O. Thrasher, horse,	7 50
Ralph W. Thrasher,	8 00
John F. Richmond,	8 35
N. H. Strange,	4 50
Jethro Ashley,	21 95
George E. Boyce,	112 50
Peter L. Chace,	43 90
Arthur J. Bennett,	23 55
Enoch V. Boyce,	12 50
Hiram B. Chase,	9 16
James D. Dillingham,	3 00
Moses Bergeron	4 50
Calvin T. Belcher,	4 50
Elisha Belcher,	3 00
Edwin L. Belcher,	3 00
Wm. H. Belcher,	3 00
John Q. Dillingham,	3 60
Benjamin D. Phillips,	15 00
John H. Grinnell,	13 50
George H. Bowers, 135 loads gravel at 3c.	4 05
Martin Alden, 187 loads gravel at 3c.,	5 61
James Maguire,	1 58
F. R. Washburn,	1 65
Alfred Pierce,	3 75
Clinton Briggs,	1 50
Adelbert Briggs,	1 50
Manuel Sylvia,	7 50
George E. Boyce, Jr.,	13 00

REPAIRS ON GUIDE-BOARDS.

George W. Sprague, painting and repairing,	21 00
Laurelton French, 6 guide boards,	2 80
Jethro Ashley, labor on guide boards,	2 80
George Boyce, labor on guide boards,	7 00

Amount expended by Sec. No. 2, George

F. Boyce, Commissioner.

\$429 75.

Eli Wardell, 392 1-2 hours at 15c.,	\$58 88
Eli Wardell, horse, 334 hours at 15c.,	50 10
B. E. Townsend, 126 hours at 15c.,	18 90
C. P. French, 335 hours at 15c.,	50 25
C. P. French, horse, 35 hours at 15c.,	5 25
N. G. Townsend, 125 1-2 hours at 15c.,	18 83
N. G. Townsend, horse, 43 hours at 15c.,	6 45
Charles A. Shaw, 15 hours at 15c.,	2 25
Charles A. Shaw, stone for bridge,	1 25
Charles A. Shaw, 21 loads of gravel at 3c.,	63
Frank Phillips, 30 hours at 15c.,	4 50
Walter Phillips, 20 hours at 15c.,	3 00
Jason Pittsley, 62 hours at 15c.,	11 85
Elan Haskins, 143 hours at 15c.,	21 75
Damon White, 44 hours at 15c.,	6 60
John Thrasher, 50 hours at 15c.,	7 50
John Thrasher, horse, 50 hours at 15c.,	7 50
John Thrasher, 67 loads of gravel at 3c.,	2 01
Mr. Northrup, 39 hours at 15c.,	5 85
Mr. Northrup, 18 hours at 15c.,	2 70
Mr. Northrup, stone,	50
Mr. Northrup, 10 loads of gravel at 3c.,	30
Wm. Dean, 74 loads of gravel at 3c.,	2 22
John Crowningshield, 104 1-2 hours at 15c.,	15 68
Arthur Caswell, 29 hours at 15c.,	4 35
Isaac Ellis, 25 hours at 15c.,	3 75
Isaac Ellis, horse, 20 hours at 15c.,	3 00
Charles Phillips, 30 hours at 15c.,	4 50
George R. Macomber, 25 hours at 15c.,	3 75

George R. Macomber, horse, 10 hours at 15c.,				1 50
R. Macomber,	10 hours at 15c.,			1 50
R. Macomber, horse,	10	"	"	1 50
John Meach,	20	"	"	3 00
John Crowningsheild,	250 loads gravel,			7 50
John Cushing,	10 hours at 15c.,			1 50
Isaac Seymour,	20	"	"	3 00
Isaac Seymour,	20	"	"	3 00
George Hart,	15 loads gravel at 3c.,			45
Joseph Staples,	47	"	"	1 41
George R. Macomber,	59	"	"	1 77
Edward Macomber,	21	"	"	63
James Dean,	23	"	"	69
Charles M. Wade,	30 hours at 15c.,			4 50
Charles M. Wade,	30	"	"	4 50
Silas Downing,	20	"	"	3 00
Silas Downing, horse,	20	"	"	3 00
Edward Wilcox,	20	"	"	3 00
Edward Wilcox, horse,	20	"	"	3 00
Malachi Haskins,	35	"	"	5 25
Bradford Reed,	30	"	"	4 50
E. Pierce,	69 loads gravel at 3c.,			2 07
Geo. W. Macomber,	90 hours at 15c.,			13 50
Geo. W. Macomber, horse,	20	"	"	3 00
John Haskins,	10	"	"	1 50
John Haskins,	20	"	"	3 00
George Harmon,	20	"	"	3 00
George Harmon, stone for bridge,				1 00
Nelson Furbish,	10 hours at 15c.,			1 50
Charles F. Paull,	39	"	"	5 85
Charles F. Paull, horse,	19	"	"	2 85
Henry Staples,	6 1-2	"	"	98
Cliff Haskins	5		7 1-2c.,	37
David K. Richmond,	10	"	15c.,	1 50
Thomas Seekell,	9	"	"	1 35
George Thrasher,	5	"	"	75

Reuben Chase,	10	"	"	\$1 50
Amount expended by Sec. 3, Eli Wardell,				
Commissioner.				\$426 64
Amount expended on roads,				1246 77
Amount appropriated for roads,				1200 00
Overdraft,				46 77

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

For the year ending Feb. 18, 1892. At the annual Town meeting the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) was appropriated for highways, of this amount, four hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$425.00) was placed to the repairs of section No. 3, the remainder to sections 1 and 2 equally. On the first day of April your Commissioners met with the Commissioners of Dighton and employed J. C. Standish for tender of the draw of Berkley and Dighton Bridge for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the ensuing year. The Commissioners of Berkley and Dighton have caused to be expended by Mr. Standish and others the sum of one hundred and one dollars (\$101.00) for repairs on the same, Berkley's tax \$30.30. Your Commissioners have had thirty-five (35) guide boards repainted and six new ones built at an expense of thirty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$33.60).

Amount expended on Highways :

By T. T. Burt, Section No. 1,	\$403 00
" Geo. E. Boyce, " 2,	395 15
" Eli W. Wardell, " 3,	426 64
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	\$1,224 79

GEO. E. BOYCE,	} Road Com.
THOMAS T. BURT,	
ELI WARDELL.	
	of
	Berkley

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts,	\$10,655 69
Town Officers,	\$472 40
Miscellaneous Bills,	4,365 73
Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	41 80

Soldier's Relief,	319 25
Poor out of Almshouse,	505 82
State Aid,	234 00
Military Aid,	199 00
Schools,	1,936 40
Books,	177 28
Memorial Day,	11 61
Highways and Bridges, except Berkley and Dighton Bridge,	1,246 77
Cash in Treasury,	1,021 43
Uncollected Taxes for 1891,	124 20
	— — \$10,655 69

The undersigned having been appointed, duly sworn as auditor of the Town of Berkley for the current year, submits the following report :

The Treasurer has exhibited vouchers in the form of orders and receipts for all the money expended by him.

He has given the Town credit for cash from

all sources, \$10,655 69

He has charged the Town with money paid

out the current year, \$9,510 06

Cash on hand in Treasury, 1,021 43

Uncollected Taxes, 124 20

————— \$10,655 69

The Treasurer has also in his hands four

Oyster-notes, payable yearly of \$1,525
each, amounting to \$6,100 00

And two Fish-notes of \$65 each, amount-
ing to 130 00

PHILIP C. PORTER,
Auditor of Town of Berkley.

A true Copy—Attest.

NOAH H. STRANGE
Treasurer.

The Auditor would suggest to all having claims upon the Town in the future the advisability of so classifying their bills

that each item shall appear under its proper head. This would greatly facilitate the work of the Treasurer and would give a just exhibit of each man's account. As an illustration there were charged under the head of "Services of Town Officers." The present year, items of cash paid out for "sundries," belonging to the school or miscellaneous account. This, of course, makes the bill for services appear larger than it really is.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES ON PROPERTY ASSESSED.

Total value of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Berkley for 1891,		\$377,625 00
* Tax rate per thousand,		\$10 50
No. of Horses Assessed,		231
“ Cattle “		477
“ Sheep “		31
“ Swine “		64
“ Dwelling houses,		239
“ Acres of Land,		9,788
“ Polls Assessed,		248

GILES L. LEACH,
Chairman of Assessors.

List of Taxes.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16TH, 1892.

	Poll.	Personal.	Real.	Total.
Stephen B. Allen's heirs,		2 47	27 30	29 77
Amos H. Allen,	2			2 00
Edwin H. Allen,	2			2 00
Albert W. Allen,	2	3 36	19 11	24 47
Jethro Ashley,	2	1 05	11 71	14 76
Martin Alden,	2	1 68	11 39	15 07
Augustus Adams,	2			2 00
Benjamin Anthony,	2	37	9 71	12 08
Orrin H. Atwood,	2	63	11 55	14 18
James O. Angell,	2			2 00
Thomas Burt's heirs,			13 65	13 65
Stephen A. Burt,	2	74	9 61	12 35
Daniel S. Briggs,	2	1 47	15 75	19 22
Andrew J. Briggs,	2		1 58	3 58
Charles Bissett's heirs,		1 58	15 49	17 07
Caleb D. Babbitt,	2	1 58	18 22	21 80
Edward A. Barlow,	2			2 00
William Babbitt,	2	1 31	25 20	28 51
William Babbitt and Others,			3 15	3 15
William Babbitt, Guardian,			3 68	3 68
Caleb S. Briggs,	2	1 73	14 70	18 43
William Boyce,	2	79	7 61	10 40
Louisa Babbitt,			1 05	1 05
Simeon Briggs,	2	5 36	17 22	24 58
Thomas A. Briggs,	2	3 41	12 29	17 70
John D. Babbitt's heirs,			12 86	12 86
Adoniram Babbitt,			68	68
Rollin H. Babbitt,	2	1 42	13 91	17 33

Enoch B. Babbitt,		2 89	21 79	24 68
Isaac Babbitt,	2	1 58		3 58
Gideon H. Babbitt,	2	5 57	20 48	28 05
Angeline Bassett,		1 31	13 13	14 44
John Boyce,	2			2 00
Mary Boyce,			18 64	18 64
Elisha Belcher,	2		4 99	6 99
George E. Boyce,	2	1 73	17 85	21 58
Calvin Belcher,	2	79	3 05	5 84
William H. Belcher,	2			2 00
Lucy A. Briggs,		58	32	90
Job D. Briggs,	2	21		2 21
Clinton L. Briggs.	2			2 00
Chester J. Briggs,	2			2 00
Sarah Burt,		32	1 84	2 16
Thomas T. Burt,	2			2 00
A. L. Bliss,	2	5 78	24 68	32 46
Nancy I. Burt,			13 92	13 92
Amasa W. Bowen,	2			2 00
N. G. T. Bowen,	2	2 26	17 12	21 38
Alvin Briggs,		1 31	14 44	15 75
George H. Bowers,	2	1 63	18 38	22 01
Gregaire Bergeron,	2	2 47		4 47
Moses Bergeron,	2	2 00		2 00
Alfred Boardman,	2	7 19	25 20	34 39
George Boardman,	2			2 00
Nelson E. Blynn,	2	3 20	10 87	16 07
Arthur J. Bennett,	2	1 94	10 08	14 02
Edwin N. Blynn,	2		2 42	4 42
John O. Babbitt,	2		6 30	8 30
Albert F. Bassett,	2			2 00
Herbert F. Briggs,	2			2 00
Charles H. Bowman,	2			2 00
John C. Crane,		53	15 80	16 33
William H. S. Crane,	2	1 16	15 23	18 39
Sarah Crane's heirs,			9 45	9 45
Benjamin F. Coombs,	2	3 15	23 63	28 78
Margaret Crane,		2 68	15 49	18 17
John Cameron,	2			2 00
Emma T. Crane,			11 81	11 81
George Cummings,	2	4 57	21 53	28 10
Barzillai Crane's heirs,			7 09	7 09
Nathan G. Case,	2	2 21	11 03	15 24
Nathan G. Case, Jr.,	2	1 31		3 31
Allen A. Case,	2	79		2 79

Charles E. Chase,	2			2 00
Joseph T. Cummings,	2	95	7 61	10 56
Charles Corey,	2	4 62	21 00	27 62
Stephen Corey,	2	8 40	1 83	12 23
Thomas G. Chase,	2			2 00
Ervine A. Chase,	2	7 77	19 69	29 46
George W. Cummings,	2			2 00
Andrew J. Covill,		1 84		1 84
Charles E. Clark's heirs,		2 36	23 00	25 36
James F. Clark,	2			2 00
Charles E. Clark,	2		8 40	10 40
Benjamin Crane's heirs,			1 31	1 31
Peter L. Chase,	2	2 26	30 08	34 34
Patrick F. Clark,	2			2 00
William Caswell,	2	1 47	17 33	20 80
Israel Chase,		74	7 09	7 83
Miriam Chase's heirs,			3 00	3 00
George W. Caswell,	2	42		2 42
Benjamin B. Caswell,	2	1 58		3 58
Arthur G. Caswell,	2			2 00
Samuel H. Cudworth,		79	8 40	9 19
Calvin T. Crane,	2	32 45	18 38	52 83
John Cushing,	2	21 00	1 05	24 05
Mrs. E. R. Clark,			3 94	3 94
George S. Clark,	2	1 05	9 71	12 76
John A. Crowningshield,	2	79	5 25	8 04
George W. Crane,	2			2 00
Albert B. Cummings,	2	27		2 27
Charles W. Cook,	2	2 31	39 90	44 21
Arthur Cushman,	2			2 00
Mary Cummings			5 09	5 09
Reuben Chase,	2			2 00
Thomas H. Chase,	2	1 05		3 05
Jason Cummings,		53		53
Everett Cudworth,	2			2 00
Miles S. Dean,	2	1 94	20 48	24 42
Vernon L. Dean,	2			2 00
Clarence W. Dean,	2			2 00
Albert E. Dean,	2	1 84		3 84
Ebenezer Dean's heirs,			23 36	23 36
Thomas C. Dean's heirs,			21 68	21 68
Thomas F. Dean,	2	89	20 21	24 10
Charles A. Davis,	2	2 15	9 71	13 86
Charles B. Davis,	2			2 00
W. W. Davis,	2	1 05		3 05

Hercules Deane's Estate,			21 68	21 68
James Dean Dillingham	2	3 10	15 75	20 85
Fenella Dillingham,		1 47	47	1 94
John Q. Dillingham,	2	3 52	41 00	46 52
Frank N. Dean,	2			2 00
Silas Downing,	2	26	2 78	5 04
Everett Dean,	2			2 00
Herbert A. Dean,	2	4 36	60 32	66 68
Benjamin F. Dean			53	53
Charles G. Delano,	2		9 87	11 87
Harry J. Duffie,	2	3 94		5 94
Charles E. Davis,	2			2 00
James D. Dillingham,	2			2 00
Rhodes K. Edwards,	2	1 16	8 93	12 09
George E. Eddy,	2	95		2 95
Isaac Ellis.	2	26		2 26
Margaret Ellis,			3 41	3 41
Rollin B. Eaton,	2	79	11 92	14 71
William K. Evans,	2	1 05		3 05
Charles W. Farmer,	2	5 20	11 81	19 01
Emily Farmer,			9 45	9 45
Timothy E. French,	2	53	4 99	7 52
Christopher P. French,	2	1 89	13 28	17 17
Phillip H. Fletcher,	2	16 01		18 01
Lewis P. Fletcher,	2	7 09	37 59	46 68
Charles E. French,	2			2 00
Nelson A. Furbush,	2			2 00
Reid & Furbush,		1 37	3 41	4 78
James O. French,			5 78	5 78
Isaac E. French,	2			2 00
John H. Grinnell	2	89	12 23	15 12
William J. Grinnell,	2			2 00
Lyman B. Grinnell,		1 05		1 05
Andrew J. Gidmark,	2		6 04	8 04
Joseph Gracia,	2	84	6 30	9 14
Lewis Green,	2	79	6 83	9 62
Benjamin Hathaway's heirs,			4 52	4 52
Henry Hathaway,	2	30 40	21 68	54 08
Willard H. Hathaway,	2	74		2 74
Rebecca G. Hathaway,			13 86	13 86
Elizabeth J. Haskins,			23 36	23 36
David Hoxie,	2	1 31	21 37	24 68
Cyrus Hathaway,	2	1 16	10 13	13 29
Albert Hathaway,			2 99	2 99
Cyrus Haskins,	2	1 26		3 26

Cyrus Haskins' heirs,			7 45	7 45
George A. Harmon,	2	1 31	5 25	8 56
Augustus R. Haines,	2		6 04	8 04
Henry A. Haines,	2	16 80		18 80
Clarence E. Haines,	2			2 00
Horatio S. Haines,	2	1 42		3 42
George F. Howard,	2	1 94	6 88	10 82
Russel Haskins,	2			2 00
Stephen Hathaway,	2	1 05	15 75	18 80
Julius C. Haskins,	2	4 04	18 38	24 42
John T. Haskins,	2		4 73	6 73
William W. Haskins,	2	1 05		3 05
Enoch S. Hathaway,	2	84	3 89	6 73
Malachi H. Harkins,	2	2 00	9 71	13 71
Elam R. Haskins,		1 16	9 71	12 87
Cornelius Harrington,	2	53		2 53
Catherine Harrington,			9 98	9 98
Jacob C. Haskins,	2	37		2 37
Lydia G. Haskins,		63	16 28	16 91
Emma Humphrey,			4 20	4 20
Clothier P. Haskins,	2	37	10 76	13 13
Sarah J. Hoard's heirs,			10 76	10 76
Thomas N. Hathaway,	2	84	12 86	15 70
George L. Hammond,	2	37	5 25	7 62
George M. Hatch,	2	74	13 91	16 65
Samuel F. Hazzard,	2	1 37	10 24	13 61
Irvin Haskins,	2			2 00
Edward E. Haskins,	2			2 00
George T. Hathaway,	2			2 00
Joseph Howland,	2	11 03	47 78	60 81
Arthur L. Hathaway,	2			2 00
Giles L. Leach,	2	3 89	35 81	41 70
Obadiah Lawton's Estate,		5 25	12 50	17 75
William F. Lincoln,	2	1 21		3 21
Henry J. Leggee,	2		6 83	8 83
Benjamin Luther,		1 16	14 23	15 39
James H. Macomber,	2	1 63	5 51	9 14
Frank S. Macomber,	2	2 63	5 78	10 41
Horace N. Macomber,	2	2 36	1 05	5 41
Frederic Macomber,	2			2 00
Gideon H. Myrick,		1 47	13 39	16 86
John W. Meack,	2	79	4 99	7 78
Calvin Myrick's heirs,			23 52	23 52
Ebenezer Macomber,	2		12 71	14 71
Edward S. Macomber,	2			2 00

Maria Macomber,		32	5 25	5 57
George W. Macomber,	2	7 14	34 28	43 42
Westcome Macomber,	2	13 39	16 80	32 19
Rufus B. Macomber,	2			2 00
George R. Macomber,	2	8 40	29 40	39 80
James Maguire,	2	3 68	15 75	21 43
Matthias G. Mosher,	2			2 00
Jeremiah Murphy, Jr.,	2		9 71	11 71
Caroline McCall,			6 56	6 56
George A. Norcutt,	2	1 05	12 60	15 65
Samuel C. Norcutt,	2	1 47	9 45	12 92
Barnard Norcutt,		32	8 77	9 09
Betsey Newhall,			53	53
Louisa J. Newhall,			14 70	14 70
Walter D. Nichols heirs,		74	25 62	26 36
Sarah Nichols,		1 31	27 93	29 24
William H. Northup,	2	84	10 50	13 34
Augustus F. Pierce,	2	2 15	14 96	19 11
James Pierce's heirs,		68 25	1 58	69 83
Jason Pittsley,			1 73	1 73
Thomas F. Poole,	2			2 00
Samuel W. Phillips,			2 10	2 10
James F. Phillips heirs,			9 19	9 19
Everett F. Phillips,	2			2 00
Andrew Pierce's heirs,			6 74	6 74
D. Benjamin Phillips,	2	2 26	9 35	13 61
Samuel S. Pierce,	2	21	3 94	6 15
Shepard Phillips,	2		4 05	6 05
Walter I. Phillips,	2	42	1 84	4 26
Alfred Pierce,	2	1 47	11 81	15 28
Philip C. Porter,	2			2 00
Franklin Phillips,	2	32	7 77	10 09
Charles F. Phillips	2		3 94	5 94
Frederic A. Paul's heirs,			22 84	22 84
Charles F. Paull,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paull,	2			2 00
Thomas P. Paull, Guardian,		16 80		16 80
Paull Brothers.		11 87	8 93	20 80
James W. Paull,	2			2 00
David R. Pierce's heirs,			3 94	3 94
William H. Pierce,	2	49 77	14 28	66 05
Elkanah Pierce,	2	20 30	31 34	53 64
Herbert A. Perry,	2	4 57		6 57
Edmond O. Phillips,	2			2 00
John A. Reed,	2	74		2 74

Otis E. Reed,			6 04	6 04
Florence Reed,			6 04	6 04
Asa W. Reed,	2		3 68	5 68
John F. Richmond,	2	79	8 24	11 03
David K. Richmond,	2			2 00
Widow, Stephen C. Ramsdill			26	26
Apollos B. Reed	2			2 00
James F. Reid,	2			2 00
John D. Rose,	2	2 21	13 91	18 12
Sarah Rounds,			2 36	2 36
Emanuel Rounds,	2			2 00
Antone F. Rose,	2	1 05	12 86	15 91
David T. Strange,	4	2 63	13 97	20 60
Albert W. Strange,	2			2 00
Daniel D. Strange,			20 21	20 21
Noah H. Strange,	2	8 98	7 35	18 33
Thomas Strange's heirs,			30 19	30 19
George P. Strange,	2	1 42	53	3 95
Ellery W. Strange,	2	53		2 53
Elam Staples,	2	* 26	4 31	6 57
Charles A. Shaw,	2	2 15	8 14	12 29
Charles E. Shaw,	2			2 00
Joseph Staples,		26	7 25	7 51
George L. Smith,	2			2 00
Isaac Seymour,	2	2 78	22 37	27 15
Thomas H. Seekell,	2	2 36	19 43	23 79
John Staple's heirs,		9 24	17 85	27 09
John F. Staples,	2			2 00
Sumner N. Staples,	2			2 00
Huldah T. Staples,		1 05	16 59	17 64
William Simms,	2	3 20	14 18	19 38
William G. Simms,	2		8 40	10 40
Congregational Society,			7 09	7 09
John Smith,	2			2 00
William H. Smith,	2	1 63	6 04	9 67
John L. Shepard,	2			2 00
James A. Smellie,	2	11 71		13 71
George L. Turcot,	2	53		2 53
Leander Terry,	2	2 00	14 96	18 96
Noah D. Thresher's heirs,			9 71	9 71
Jonathan W. Thresher,	2	2 99	38 75	43 75
Charles O. Thresher,	2	1 16		3 16
Benjamin H. Thresher,		16	3 05	3 21
John H. Thresher,	2	1 58	6 51	10 09
Benjamin E. Townsend,	2	5 89	13 13	19 02

Nathaniel G. Townsend,	2	1 58	11 76	15 34
Edward E. Terry,	2	26		2 26
Eliphalet Terry,	2	21		2 21
Frank B. Terry,	2			2 00
Zebedee Terry,	2			2 00
Charles Terry,	2			2 00
Joseph W. Terry,	2			2 00
Gustavus Tripp,	2	1 42	17 01	20 43
Amanda Wilber,			1 58	1 85
George W. Westgate,	2	1 52	7 88	11 40
George H. Westgate,	2	47	4 20	6 67
Eli Wardell,	2	26	3 94	6 20
James B. Westgate's heirs,		1 31	10 55	11 86
Dean P. Westgate,	2	4 78	13 76	20 54
George E. Westgate,	2	53		2 53
Edward Westgate,	2			2 00
Frederic L. Williams,	2			2 00
George V. Williams,	2	32		2 32
William F. Westgate,	2	79		2 79
George F. Wilbur,	2	53	25 67	28 20
Charles H. Williams,			14 96	14 96
Seth E. Williams,	2	1 94	23 10	27 04
Charles M. Wade,	2	2 36	16 59	20 95
Charles S. White,	2	63	11 24	13 87
Damon D. White,	2			2 00
Theodore Wilbur's Estate,		10 50	1 05	11 55
Benjamin A. White,	2			2 00
Frederic Whitaker,	2	53		2 53
Edward E. Whitaker,	2	4 99	4 20	11 19
Adoniram J. Wilcox,	2	74	7 88	10 62
J. E. M. Wright,	2	79		2 79
Hannah S. Williams,		5 78		5 78
John E. Westgate,	2	32		2 32

NON-RESIDENTS.

TAUNTON.

Edward W. Macomber,	4 78	38 48	43 26
Nathan Clark,		6 04	6 04
George Seekell,		2 89	2 89
J. Frank Dean,		19 69	19 69
James H. Wade,		1 58	1 58
Charles F. Johnson,		6 30	6 30
Edward T. Macomber,		1 47	1 47
David C. Dean,		5 41	5 41
James I. Dean,		4 73	4 73

Charles W. Padelford,	42	42
William Burt,	2 10	2 10
Benjamin Burt,	3 15	3 15
Samuel B. Chase,	6 30	6 30
David W. Dean,	14 60	14 60
Jacob Eldridge,	1 31	1 31
Charles Baylies	9 71	9 71
Lewis Bragg,	8 40	8 40
Philip E. Williams,	32	32
Enoch Goff,	79	79
Sylvia Hathaway's heirs,	79	79
Enoch Hathaway's heirs,	79	79
George Hart,	53	53
John W. Hart,	6 56	6 56
Edward O. Hart,	5 51	5 51
James E. Hart,	1 58	1 58
Lysander Hart,	1 58	1 58
Henry B. Macomber,	3 68	3 68
Samuel W. Macomber,	4 73	4 73
William F. Macomber's heirs,	53	53
Stephen Pierce's heirs,	21	21
Oliver A. Pierce's heirs,	21	21
William Price,	7 88	7 88
David Padelford,	1 58	1 58
Elizabeth Padelford,	1 05	1 05
Bernard Quigley's heirs,	1 05	1 05
Alpheus Sandford's heirs,	2 52	2 52
Sina Williams and others,	2 10	2 10
John E. Sanford,	3 15	3 15
Abraham Shores,	1 58	1 58
Lloyd Williams,	3 15	3 15
George Williams,	8 40	8 40
James Wetherell,	4 99	4 99
Jacob B. Phillips,	3 68	3 68
Widow Job Hamer,	2 10	2 10
Lysander Soper,	53	53
Elkanah Hathaway,	11 03	11 03
David F. Strange,	1 05	1 05
Alexander H. Williams,	53	53
Abial B. Staples,	5 51	5 51
Israel French's heirs,	1 05	1 05
Emily C. Williams,	7 35	7 35
Albert Pitts.	10 24	10 24
Alexander E. Burt,	63	63
Eliza A. Washburn,	9 45	9 45

Elizabeth Duffie,	5 25	5 25
William A. Haskins,	53	53
Thomas Doyle,	3 15	3 15
Sarah J. Hathaway,	6 72	6 72
Phebe Staples,	53	53
Arthur Jones,	6 83	6 83
George E. Whiting,	3 89	3 89

FREETOWN.

Charles H. Briggs,	2 63	2 63
Daniel H. Cudworth,	53	53
E. P. Hathaway and George H. Evans,	2 63	2 63
Charles Eddy,	79	79
Jonathan Gurney,	63	63
Charles E. Hathaway,	2 63	2 63
Joseph D. Hathaway,	8 93	8 93
Nichols & Sampson heirs,	2 10	2 10
Gilbert N. Nichols,	4 20	4 20
James Winslow,	1 31	1 31
John D. Wilson,	3 20	3 20
Apollos Webster's heirs,	20 06	20 06
George Williams,	21	21
Henry D. Clark,	6 04	6 04
Henry & George Pierce,	2 10	2 10
Alexander T. Gray,	16	16

LAKEVILLE.

Clothier Allen's heirs,	5 78	5 78
John F. Allen,	15 75	15 75
John Allen's heirs,	63	63
Susan Strobbridge's heirs,	4 20	4 20
William Canedy's heirs,	7 35	7 35
William Chester Pierce,	9 45	9 45
Jeremiah Murphy,	9 45	9 45
Job Pierce	21	21
Ethan E. Pierce,	3 26	3 26
James P. Pierce,	2 89	2 89
William C. & Ethan A. Pierce,	53	53
Peddy S. Pierce,	9 98	9 98
Enos Pierce's heirs,	21	21

NEW BEDFORD.

Charles D. Burt,	53	53
Ella R. Thomas,	1 58	1 58
Samuel B. Hamblin's heirs,	2 10	2 10
Caroline Morse,	2 36	2 36

DIGHTON.

William W. French,	2 10	2 10
Shove & Perry,	7 35	7 35
Charles N. Simmons,	11 45	11 45
Noble S. Simmon's heirs,	4 10	4 10
Darius M. White,	53	53
James C. Standish,	26	26
Noah Chace,	5 78	5 78
Isaac N. Babbitt,	11 55	11 55
Lewis M. White,	2 89	2 89
Lewis M. White, Guardian,	7 56	7 56
Charles E. Carr,	13 13	13 13

PROVIDENCE.

William Seekell,	1 05	1 05
Frank D. Chester,	10 50	10 50
Jane Renche's heirs,	2 63	2 63

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cassius Viall, Warwick, R. I.,	1 05	1 05
Milton M. Andros, San Francisco, Cal.,	15 75	15 75
Abbie Chase, Portsmouth, R. I.,	4 20	4 20
Sumner Thompson's heirs, Vt.,	4 73	4 73
John Crane's heirs, Cambridgeport, Mass.,	9 98	9 98
Benjamin F. Chase, Brockton, Mass.,	15 44	15 44
Mary E. Ellsbree, Westport, Mass.,	16 28	16 28
Ambrose Hathaway's heirs, Brighton, Mass.,	1 84	1 84
Enoch Sanford's heirs, Raynham, Mass.,	1 84	1 84
Anna M. Strange, Raynham, Mass.,	79	79
Simmons Winslow, Foxboro, Mass.,	32	32
Old Colony Rail Road, Boston Mass.,	42 00	42 00
Oliver E. French, Newport, R. I.,	17 69	17 69
Amelia A. Paull, Hollis, N. H.,	1 31	1 31
William Morse, Canton Mass.,	8 14	8 14
Isaac D. Fish, Onset Bay, Mass.,	4 20	4 20
L. D. Millard, East Douglass, Mass.,	3 15	3 15
Nancy Hamlin, East Bridgewater, Mass.,	16	16

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor
of the Town of Berkley.

LIST OF JURORS AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECT- MEN OF BERKLEY, FEB. 20TH, 1892.

William Babbitt,	Thomas G. Chase,
Jethro Ashley,	Peter L. Chase,
Thomas N. Hathaway,	Rollin H. Babbitt,
John T. Haskins,	Stephen A. Burt,
William F. Lincoln,	James Maguire,
Caleb S. C. Briggs,	Joseph T. Cummings,
Albert W. Allen,	Noah H. Strange,
Malachi Haskins,	George M. Hatch.

The annual examination of the accounts at the Town Farm was made Feb. 13, 1892, and the expenditures, and receipts found as follows:

Total expenditures for the year \$839.96. Receipts, \$882.29 divided monthly as follows:

From Feb. 13, 1891, to

	DEBITS.	CREDITS.
March 1, 1891	\$38 01	\$55 51
For the month of March,	77 39	59 22
April, .	110 16	110 80
May,	96 46	93 50
June,	38 40	71 32
July,	64 67	72 30
August,	86 61	62 61
September,	56 18	63 23
October,	65 59	61 32
November,	59 21	57 18
December,	53 48	53 13
1892, January,	61 29	50 08
To February 13,	32 51	72 09
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Balance in favor of Town,	\$42 33	
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	\$882 29	\$882 29

There are no bills against the town on account of Almshouse, or Farm.

There is due the town, for thatch hay sold, about \$21.

There are at present, no inmates in the Almshouse.

Eleven tramps have been furnished food and lodging, during the year.

Persons receiving aid outside of the Almshouse: Sally Cummings, \$1 per week; Sarah Macomber, \$1 per week; Simmons' family, \$10 per month; Samuel H. Clark, \$1.25 per week; Fred W. French, \$3.25 per week at Taunton Lunatic Hospital; E. W. Macomber, bill paid City of Brockton, to the amount of \$22.86; others have received Aid, that are lawfully classed under the head of Soldier's Relief.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, HAY, FARMING, UTEN-
SILS AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 13, 1892.

2 horses,	\$150 00
9 cows,	270 00
4 shoates,	16 00
9 tons of English hay,	153 00
lot of salt hay,	1 00
1 hay cutter,	3 50
1 harrow and hay rack,	3 50
1 horse rake,	18 00
5 hay forks, 2 rakes,	2 00
4 shovels,	2 00
1 pair hames and tackle,	1 75
Harnesses,	20 00
Ladders and tug hook,	2 50
New ladders,	2 50
New hames and traces,	6 00
4 whiffletrees and wrench,	2 50
1 express wagon,	5 00
1 farm wagon,	50 00
8 chains, 2 iron bars, 2 sledges,	5 00
1 grindstone and wheelbarrow,	2 00
1 small wagon,	2 00
Lot of scythes, snathes and corn cutter,	4 00
59 fowls,	35 40
Lot of cut wood at house,	12 00
2 horse blankets, 2 robes,	4 00
Furniture in tramp house,	2 50
Old shingles,	1 50
2 plows and cultivator,	7 00
1 horse sled, step ladder,	4 00
1 grain cradle,	3 25
Lot grain, cotton seed,	5 70

$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of rye,	50
Lot saws, axes and hatchets,	5 00
3 hoes and picks,	1 75
Small potatoes and cabbages,	1 00
30 bushels of potatoes,	15 00
325 lbs. of pork,	22 75
2 churns and wringer,	4 75
15 bushels of turnips,	5 00
9 barrels of apples,	9 00
3 barrels of ashes,	2 25
2 cider and 2 pork barrels,	2 00
Lot of old barrels,	2 00
Oil can and oil,	1 25
Butter boxes and mould,	1 25
2 milk pails and pans,	3 00
30 lbs. of lard,	3 00
Iron kettle, jugs and lantern,	3 00
3 wash tubs,	1 75
Lot of beans and rye meal,	1 25
Lot of soap,	75
1 set of measures,	1 00
Wash board and two boilers,	3 00
7 beds, straw beds and bed steads,	30 00
1 bed spread, lot of comfortables,	12 00
26 pillow-slips, 14 sheets,	12 50
3 bed blankets, 14 towels,	6 00
3 stoves, new pipe and tank,	30 00
3 door screens, two window screens,	3 50
Oil stove,	1 25
Carpets and 2 clothes horses,	4 50
Oil cloth,	9 00
2 clocks, 3 looking glasses,	3 00
Stove ware,	3 50
Steel-yards, 4 lamps, etc.,	2 25
Groceries and flour on hand,	7 00

Crockery and tin ware,	12 00
4 tables, 20 chairs,	7 00
4 bureaus,	6 00
Brace and bits,	2 25
Lot of manure under barn, (20 cords,)	100 00
50 potato sacks,	5 00
2 new baskets,	85
Clothes basket and pins,	50
2 table cloths,	2 00
Mowing machine,	5 00
1 brass kettle,	50
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Valuation, 1892,	\$1,153 40
“ 1891,	1,111 70
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Gain,	\$41 70

The Superintendent's term expires March 31, 1892, and we regret very much, that we are to lose his valuable services, and those of his estimable wife. The farm and, house have been run, and the accounts kept in a correct and impartial manner. In the duties of the household, and the care of the "unfortunates" who have been obliged to seek a home at our Almshouse, Mrs. Mosher stands second to none. As to the outdoor work on the farm, the Superintendent has labored under many difficulties. In order to make the farm pay, as it certainly ought with the present small number of inmates, there must be a change made in the quality of the stock kept. It costs no more to feed a good cow, than one that does not pay her salt, provided she gets any. It seems as though some of these would be better "well salted." We seem to have a good milkman, one that pays for what he gets, and if a change was made for the better, in part of the cows kept to produce milk for market, we see no reason

why a margin should not be created on the "right side" of the ledger. The farm has always been considered a good one, strong, productive land, and plenty of it.

The buildings are in fair shape, but still need some repairs, as it was not deemed wise, to spend too much money in one year. The barn needs some repairs about the large doors, not a very expensive job, but still it should be done to save the building. One other very essential building should be built, at a small expense, and that is a wagon shed. The Selectmen bought the present year a new farm wagon, at an expense of fifty-five dollars, which stands outdoors exposed to the rain and sun. It is throwing the town's money away to leave wagons and tools so exposed. The old saying "anything that is worth having, is worth housing" would work well here. A new horse was purchased, giving the old one as part payment. We were fortunate in getting one that has proved a good, serviceable animal, and one that will last a long time with proper care. A new express wagon will be needed the coming year, as the one now in use is worthless, and has been so for some time. The hen house and shed connected, have been put in thorough repair. So we see no reason why the farm should not be run smoothly, and with no expense to the town, even though we do have some inmates. It is hard to find in any town, everything conducted "exactly right." But, it does not mend matters, to find fault, or be continually grumbling. Such feelings can become "chronic." If the men in office do not suit, or lack ability, try others. Better ones may be found in other persons. We can show to outside people, that we have outgrown our "quarrelsome ways," and that we are going to put our best foot forward, and turn Berkley in her down hill course. There is always a reaction, once in so many years. No town offers better advantages for people to "come among us," and make their homes. As our neighboring city continues

to grow, the workmen must live "somewhere." It is far pleasanter, and more attractive, south of this city, than in any other direction. Visitors to our town invariably remark, what a nice place for residences, along the river from Taunton line to Conspiracy Point! The railroad is certainly near enough at Segregansett. So let us drop the old cry of "Berkley is nothing, and always will be nothing," solely because we "lost our railroad." Our eastern section of the town is remarkably well accommodated by railroads running to all points of the compass. And why "Myricks" does not make an unprecedented growth, remains a "mystery" for the present. The people of that district ought to be better represented in town government than at present. It is a right they are entitled to, and they should attend to it. So, if all sections of the town pull together, and pull in the right direction, we see no reason why the value of our property should not "go up," and our tax rate "go down." With our schools kept up to their present high standard, good roads, and a little money spent for needed improvements, not lavishly by any means, we cannot see why people will not come to our town "to stay," and a class of people we wish to welcome.

Resp. Submitted,

PETER L. CHACE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Berkley.</i>
HERBERT A. DEAN,		
CHARLES W. COOK.		

REPORT

OF THE

Town Clerk for 1891.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN BERKLEY, 1891.

Child's Name.	Parent's Name.
W. T. Staples, Illegitimate, Born, Jan. 8, 1891.	Lillian Staples,
John Q. G. Dillingham, Born, Jan. 11, 1891.	James D. Dillingham, Fenella D. Dillingham,
Mary M. Freeman, Born, June 26, 1891.	W. W. Freeman, N. N. Freeman,
Eliza Frances Terrry, Born, Aug. 11, 1891.	Edward E. Terry, Kate E. Terry,
Laura M. Sylvester, Born, Oct. 24, 1891.	Emanuel Sylvester, Rosa L. Sylvester,
Cyrus L. Leggee, Born, Dec. 2, 1891.	Henry J. Leggee, Edna C. Leggee.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN BERKLEY, 1891.

- Jan. 21. Charles E. Chace of Berkley, to Nancie A. Hallett of Centreville. Married by Rev. E. F. Newell, Sagamore.
- March 29. Simeon W. Luther of Berkley, to Lizzie M. Brownell of New Bedford. Married by J. A. Macomber, Westport.

- April 8. Frank F. De Rosa of Berkley, to Maria G. De Silveira of Berkley. Married by T. F. Kennedy, Taunton.
- May 1. George H. Swift of Berkley, to Bertha B. Crane of Berkley. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- May 8. Zebedee Terry of Berkley, to Georgie E. Strange of Berkley. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- June 20. Charles B. Davis of Berkley, to Sasan E. Walker of Freetown. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- July 16. Arthur H. Tucker of Milton, to Lizzie A. Cook of Berkley. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Sept. 17. Joseph W. Rose of Dighton, to Mary F. Ferguson of Dighton. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Sept. 23. Harrie Howland of Taunton, to Carrie L. Macomber of Berkley. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Oct. 18. Wilson G. Angell of Berkley, to Annie M. Clark of Freetown. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Nov. 18. Paul M. Burns of Freetown, to Viola W. Clark of Freetown. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.
- Nov. 28. Daniel T. Johnson of Freetown, to Laurilla E. Alden of Freetown. Married by Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Berkley.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BERKLEY, 1891.

Names.	Date.	Y.	M.	D.	Diseases.
Antoine Fartardo,	Jan. 23	0	4	2	Convulsions
Daphne F. Crane,	Feb. 8	85	8	0	Senile Debility
Lydia A. Seekell,	Mar. 8	88	0	0	Mitral Stenosis
Charles F. Staples,	Apr. 5	43	3	27	Phthisis
Sarah C. Myrick,	Apr. 9	81	3	12	Old Age
Julia F. Wilbur,	Apr. 19	70	2	0	La Grippe
Ethel A. Wellman,	June 2	5	4	27	Bronchitis
Allen A. Case,	Aug. 4	23	5	18	Typhoid Fever
Albert Hathaway,	Aug. 8	66	0	18	Meningites
Lydia D. Burt,	Oct. 7	79	6	24	Old Age
Phebe Strange,	Oct. 11	97	0	00	Cancer
Thomas F. Dean,	Nov. 24	74	11	3	Heart Trouble
Adoniram Babbitt,	Nov. 28	87	4	0	Old Age
David Hoxie,	Dec. 1	80	9	14	Heart Disease
Irving D. Cummings,	Dec. 5	7	8	25	Phthisis
John P. Newell,	Dec. 18	79	6	18	La Grippe

GILES L. LEACH, Town Clerk.

REPORT

— OF THE —

School Committee

OF 1891-92

COMMITTEE

AS ORGANIZED FOR 1891-92.

TERM EXPIRES.

ROLLIN H. BABBITT, Chairman, 1892.
MRS. MARY L. COREY, Secretary, 1894.
CALVIN T. CRANE, 1893.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

CHARLES COREY, CHAS. F. PAULL, WM. H. S. CRANE.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED FOR THE YEAR 1891-1892.

Miss Julia R. Burt,	Miss Nellie M. Fewkes,
“ Ida G. Goldthwait,	“ Lucy A. Hayes,
“ Ada D. Anthony,	“ Lizzie A. Cook,
“ Minerva E. Dean,	“ Mary K. Pope.
Mr. Cyril O. Abell,	“ Nellie Luther,
Mr. Alton W. Reed.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

It is not the intention of your Committee in this report to discuss educational theories or to advocate impossibilities but as far as possible to confine themselves to a statement of what has been done during the past year, and to recommend some changes for the coming year.

LENGTH OF TERM.

The length of the school year for all the schools except in district No. 5, where on account of the illness of the teacher the winter term was shortened two weeks, has been thirty-three weeks or the same as last year.

In reviewing the work of the past year we cannot say that decided improvement has been made in every school and by every teacher. In a few, marked success has been attained. In others the work has been ordinary, but in every case there is chance for improvement and could some changes be made which have hitherto seemed impossible,—such as lessening the number of schools and placing these under better and more experienced teachers, we should economize our school appropriation and give to our pupils better advantages than they now have.

Your Committee have endeavored as far as possible to secure the services of good teachers and to provide them with such books and other facilities for teaching as would best enable them to carry out the purposes of the "State Board of Education" in regard to a thorough instruction in all the branches required by law to be taught in our schools. We have also endeavored to give to the teacher our sympathy and support in all matters of school government and discipline and have from time to time suggested to parents and guardians the need of earnest co-operation, on the part of all who have children in school, with the teacher in order that the same principles which we aim to inculcate in school shall be strengthened and developed at home.

DISTRICT SUPERVISION.

At the annual March meeting in 1891, the Town voted in favor of "District Supervision" and appropriated a sum of money sufficient to in part pay the salary of a superintendent. But as no further progress has been made in the matter and the towns nearest us do not favor such union the future in regard to it is uncertain.

CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

Your Committee are unanimous in their opinion in regard to the consolidation of the schools in Districts 5 and 6 and are convinced that, if the children attending those two schools could be placed in one, a saving of money and an increased advantage to the pupils would be the result.

Your Committee would therefore recommend an appropriation sufficient to pay for the conveyance of children in District No. 5 to school-house in District No. 6 or some other school.

One of the best reasons for uniting these schools may be found in the fact that while the average cost per scholar last year for schooling throughout the town was twelve dollars, the cost per scholar in District No. 5 was thirty-three dollars or nearly three times as much as it cost on an average throughout the town. This should be a strong argument in favor of an "appropriation" for conveyance.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Three of the school-houses in Town have been painted during the year, a wood-house has been built at Assonet Neck, and a school-yard fence at Myricks.

FLAG RAISING.

During the past year, by the well directed efforts of the teachers and schools aided by contributions from

generous citizens, flags have been raised upon three of our school-houses. May the work so nobly begun, continue, until over every school-house in Town shall that banner float of which it is said, "Oh, long may it wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

"RECENT LAW RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS."

Before closing this report we would call the attention of the Town to the Act of the Legislature approved April 30, 1891, of which the following is a copy.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF TUITION IN HIGH SCHOOLS BY CERTAIN TOWNS.

"Be it enacted as follows :

SECTION 1. Any town not required by law to maintain a high school shall pay for the tuition of any child who with the parent or guardian resides in said town, and who attends the high school of another town or city, provided the parent or guardian of such child before such attendance obtains the approval of the School Committee of the Town in which the child and parent or guardian reside.

SEC. 2. If any town not required by law to maintain a high school neglects, or refuses to pay for tuition as provided in the preceding Section, such town shall be liable therefor to the parent or guardian of the child furnished with such tuition if the parent or guardian has paid the same or to the town or city furnishing the same in an action of contract."

(Approved April 30, 1891.)

SCHOOL CENSUS.

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years as found in the town the first of May, 1891, was one hundred and fifty-one (151). Between the ages of eight and fourteen was one hundred and two (102).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Town Appropriation, \$1,600 00	Teachers' wages, Care of School-houses and for
State School Fund, 387 73	Wood, \$1,936 40
Dog Fund, 118 86	Charts and Books, 177 28
Total, \$2,106 59	Total, \$2,113 68

ROLLIN H. BABBITT, MARY L. COREY, CALVIN T. CRANE,	} School Com. of Berkley.
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TOWN WARRANT.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING, MARCH 14th, 1892, AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.
3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows : One Town Clerk, one Treasurer and Collector, three Selectmen, three Assessors, one School Committee for 3 years, one Road Commissioner for 2 years, one Road Commissioner for 3 years, seven Constables, three Fish Wardens, three Oyster Wardens, Field Drivers, Fence Viewers, Measurers of wood and lumber, Pound-keeper, etc., etc.
4. To hear the reports of any Town Officers or Committees.
5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and to determine in what way, and how it shall be appropriated.
6. To determine in what way the highways and bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year.
7. To take action of the Juror List as prepared by the Selectmen.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to expend on Memorial Day.
9. To see if the Town will reconsider its acceptance of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, agreeable to a petition of J. W. Thrasher and nine others.
10. To bring in their votes, Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall Licenses be granted to this Town, for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes for the present year.
12. To see if the Town will vote to repair the buildings at the Town Farm, and appropriate money for the same.
13. To see what action the Town will take towards providing a Public Library according to Chapter 347, Acts of 1890, and appropriate money for the same.
14. To see if the Town will appropriate money for building a vault for the preservation of Town Records, and Town Books, according to a report of the Committee chosen to investigate the same.
15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

